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## PLOT FAILS.

### Attempt to Murder a General.

#### TWO ARRESTS MADE.

#### Chang Tsung-chang Escapes in Tientsin.

Shanghai, To-day.

A message from Tientsin states that an attempt was made to assassinate Chang Tsung-chang on the afternoon of the 6th instant. The General escaped. Two arrests have been made.—Reuter.

General Chang Tsung-chang was the Northern warlord of Shantung province, for the loss of which to the Nationalists he is said to have kow-towed and apologised to Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

He is credited with a harem of about eighty concubines.

After the last debacle, he and two other Northern Generals sought refuge in Tientsin with their troops in the vicinity. He still has an army of about 30,000 to 40,000 men.

## CHANG TSO-LIN.

### "WHETHER HE DIES OR RECOVERS."

#### JAPANESE POLICY.

Tokyo, To-day.

The leading vernacular papers here, in editorial articles on the Manchurian situation, express concern lest disturbances break out as the result of a decline in Mukden's influence which is regarded as inevitable whether Marshal Chang Tso-lin dies or recovers.

The papers are unanimous in desiring the maintenance of peace and order in those regions, irrespective of whether they are maintained by the Southerners, or the Manchurians, or any other faction—provided peace is maintained.—Reuter.

**Death Report Again.**

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese reports persist that Marshal Chang Tso-lin died on the night of June 7, with a number of medical men at his bedside.—Wah Keung Po.

**Nationalist Version.**

Shanghai, To-day.

Nationalist sources allege that Japanese were responsible for the bomb attack which caused the death of Chang Tso-lin, with the idea of making the ex-Boy Emperor the ruler of Manchuria, so that the Japanese will get privileges from him.—Wah Keung Po.

**Less Threatening.**

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Though previous reports indicated that the situation in Manchuria was less threatening, the vernacular papers are filled with scare rumours and prognostications with regard to the anti-Japanese movement, troop movements, Soviet intrigue, etc.

The Foreign Office, on the other hand, discounts the Press reports as idle speculation and without foundation and profess not to be unduly alarmed.

While the vernacular papers appear to be unnecessarily scared, it seems likely that the Japanese Government is more worried than it is ready to admit, as although officially it is asserted that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is still alive, it is virtually certain that his power has been broken and that it will be difficult to find a successor able to control the three provinces as did General Wu Chun-sheng, who is dead.

**Japanese Concern.**

The Japanese Government seems to be principally concerned about the outcome of the Tientsin situation, as it is feared the defeated Mukden troops will retreat disorderly to Manchuria, necessitating the Japanese disarming them, for which it is possible that part of the 3rd (Nagoya) division will be transferred from Shantung to Manchuria.

At the same time the Foreign Office admits that even the Consul-General at Tientsin finds it difficult to sum up the true situation owing to countless conflicting rumours.—Reuter.

## GOAL REACHED.

### Nationalist Troops in Peking.

#### AN ENTRY IN PEACE.

#### The "Christian General's" Army Following-up.

Peking, Yesterday.

A small force of Shansi Nationalist troops arrived at Nanyuan in the afternoon of June 6, followed by large detachments of the Kuominchun ("Christian General's" Army) the total of which is estimated at 30,000.

After a conference between the parties concerned, it was arranged that one brigade of disciplined Shansi troops was to enter the city of Peking on June 8, the "Christian General's" Kuominchun remaining 10 li (i.e., 3 miles) from the city, pending further orders from Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General."

The brigade of Northern troops under General Pao Yu-lin, who maintained order in the interval between the evacuation of their former colleagues and the arrival of the Nationalist allies, is being withdrawn from Peking, now that the allies are coming up to take over control.—Reuter.

**Shansi-ites Welcomed.**

A cable to the "Wah Keung Po" confirms the above message. Steps were taken by the temporary rulers of Peking to prevent any misunderstanding and the remaining Northerners were asked to hold on until the brigade of Shansi Nationalists actually arrived. It is also stated that the Peking authorities sent eight delegates to welcome the Shansi Nationalists and their comander to Peking.

**On the Way to Tientsin.**

Peking, To-day.

Feng Yu-hsiang's troops have reached Lanfang, which is midway between Peking and Tientsin and have interrupted the telegraphs, telephones and the railway.—Reuter.

**Significance of the Move.**

This message indicates that besides having a large force which is following the Shansi Nationalists to Peking, the "Christian General" also has a column marching down to Tientsin, which he covets for himself.

## ISLAND MURDERS.

### LENGTHY TRIAL ENDS IN SOLOMON ISLANDS.

#### 7 SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Tulagi, Solomon-Is., Yesterday.

The trials of the natives, charged with complicity in the murder of Mr. Bell, the District Commissioner, the Cadet Lillies and fifteen of the crew of the steamer "Auks" in the Sinarango massacre last year, have ended.

Seven have been sentenced to death, three to imprisonment for life, and thirteen to be imprisoned for periods from ten to twenty years. Fifty have been acquitted.—Reuter.

## ROYAL BRIDE.

### MISS MATSUDAIRA'S AMERICAN TASTES.

#### BRIDEGROOM APPROVES.

San Francisco, Yesterday.

Miss Matsudaira, who is betrothed to Prince Chichibu, when she left for Japan, declared "Prince Chichibu knows my American tastes and approves of them. We are going to be very happy."—Reuter's American Service.

## COLOMBIA'S OIL.

### ENORMOUS CAPITAL TO BE RAISED.

Bogota, Colombia, Yesterday.

The Lower Chamber passed the first reading of a bill authorising the raising of $200,000,000 capital by the National Petroleum Company.—Reuter's American Service.

## BARON TANAKA.

### Attempt to Assassinate Premier.

#### ASSAILANT ARRESTED.

#### Alarming Incident in Tokyo Would-Be Assassin Arrested.

Tokyo, To-day.

An attempt to assassinate the Premier was frustrated this morning when the Premier arrived at Uyeno Station to attend a party conference.

A man wearing workman's clothes suddenly appeared and tried to assassinate the Premier with a dagger but the attempt failed, thanks to the police and the Premier's bodyguard.

The would-be assassin was immediately arrested.—Reuter.

## LADY PROTESTS.

### OBJECTS TO A COURT ADJOURNMENT.

#### BOARD-LODGING CASE.

Mrs. Castelian, of No. 2a, Queen's-road Central, said in the Summary Court this morning that she protested against an application for adjournment by solicitor for the other side.

She sued Mr. Harry Ah Fong, described as of the Kowloon Hotel, for $132.30 for board and lodging and appeared herself in support of her claim.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, for the defendant, asked for a week's adjournment and for particulars of the claim.

Mrs. Castelian said: I protest, Your Lordship. Mr. Ah Fong knows very well that it is for board and lodging and for furnishing his room.

The Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) said that she had to give particulars.

Plaintiff replied that she had done so.

His Lordship: To whom?

**"While He Hides."**

Mrs. Castelian: To the South China Trade Protection Association.

His Lordship: We do not know them. You must supply particulars to defendant.

Mrs. Castelian: Does that mean I will have to run after Mr. Ah Fong for another fortnight while he hides?

His Lordship: No. You can supply defendant's solicitor, Mr. Remedios, with particulars, showing how the sum of $132.30 is made up and for what period.

Mr. Remedios intervened. He said that he did not mind a date being fixed, provided particulars were supplied within a week.

His Lordship: I will make an order for the case to be heard on July 3, particulars to be supplied in a week.

#### ANOTHER CLAIM.

#### French Store Against the Same Defendant.

The French Store of Beaconsfield-arcade had a claim of $235.15 against the same defendant, for provisions and wine supplied and delivered.

Plaintiffs' manager appeared and was told to supply particulars to Mr. Remedios, the solicitor for the defendant. The case was adjourned for a week.

#### PYJAMAS & SOCKS.

#### Popular Silk Store With A Claim.

Mr. D. Chellaram, trading as the Popular Silk Store, of No. 8, Pedder-street, sued Mr. A. H. Afong, c/o the American Express Co., for $63.45, for goods supplied and delivered.

Mr. Remedios also appeared for the defendant in this case, in which his name is spelt differently.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada was for plaintiff.

Mr. Remedios asked for a week's adjournment. Mr. d'Almada opposed. He said that it was merely a claim for pyjamas, silk handkerchiefs, socks, etc., to which there was no defence.

Mr. Remedios: My friend is assuming. There may be more in it than that.

Mr. d'Almada: I have the I.O.U.'s and I have shown them to my friend.

Mr. Remedios: There may be a defence in those I.O.U.'s.

Subsequently Mr. d'Almada pressed for a date to be fixed and Mr. Remedios indicated that he would have no objection.

His Lordship fixed June 21.

## RIVER PERILS.

### British Ships on Upper Yangtsze.

#### "KINTANG" ATTACKED.

#### Guards on B. & S. Open Fire in Return.

Armed guards on the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Kintang" had to return the fire directed on them yesterday by men on the banks of the Upper Yangtsze River, 77 miles above Ichang.

The "Kintang" (for which Messrs. Butterfield and Swire are agents) was on her return journey after an up-river trip.

[Ichang is nearly 1,000 miles from the sea. It will be recalled that either bandits or Chinese troops have fired on British craft on the Yangtsze, from Ichang upwards, for several weeks recently.]

## SHOT WARDER.

### MYSTERY SURROUNDS FATALITY.

#### AT YAUMATI HOTEL.

A tragic and mysterious discovery was made yesterday evening when a European with a bullet wound in his head was found in the wooded section at the rear of the Club de Recreio football ground at King's Park. The person was found to be Mr. J. T. Stevens, a warder of Lai Chi-kok Prison.

The wounded man was hurried to the Kowloon Hospital. He never regained consciousness and passed away at 10.50 p.m. yesterday.

Information from the police is to the effect that Mr. Stevens had been missing since Wednesday, all efforts of his friends to locate him having failed.

He was, according to official statements, discovered at 1.45 p.m. in a small ditch, unconscious and with a bullet wound in his head, and a service revolver near him, with one cartridge spent.

Further investigation shows that Mr. Stevens lodged in a Chinese hotel in Yaumati on the 6th.

## NAVAL FUNERAL.

### DEATH OF A WARRANT OFFICER.

#### MR. C. A. W. ESSAM.

Mr. Charles A. W. Essam, a torpedo gunner on H.M.S. "Wishart," died yesterday at the Royal Naval Hospital, Wanchai, Hong Kong, from acute inflammation of the kidneys.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at five o'clock.

Mr. Essam, who was a warrant officer, came out with the destroyer flotilla last year.

## POLAR FLIERS.

### ENTERTAINED AT THE SAVOY HOTEL.

#### OVER THE NORTH POLE.

London, Yesterday.

Speaking at a Government luncheon to Sir George Wilkins and the Norwegian Lieutenant Eielson, North Polar fliers, in the Savoy Hotel, Sir Samuel Hoare, (Air Minister) recalled the prophecy of Stefansson that the future regular route from Europe would pass over the North Pole.—Reuter.

## "FAIR."

E. winds, moderate, fair, is the official weather forecast—until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone is stationary over Japan. A shallow depression covers the China Sea.

## PARK AFFAIR.

### Still Occupying Attention.

#### 5½ HOURS' EXAMINATION!

#### Scotland Yard's Methods Criticised By Counsel.

London, Yesterday.

Miss Savidge was examined and cross-examined for 5½ hours. She declared the police account of her examination at Scotland Yard made her say things she had not said.

Sir Patrick Hastings (Miss Savidge's counsel) stated that Inspector Collins demanded the right to question Sir Leo Money without interference from Sir L. Money's solicitor, Mr. Syrett. The latter replied that he would not allow Collins to put questions to Money such as he put to Savidge. Collins was angry and subsequently Mr. Syrett received a communication on May 17 from the Director of Public prosecutions saying he would insist on Money answering without interruption.

Mr. Syrett in reply wrote suggesting that in view of the debate in the House of Commons the Director might like to modify the terms of his letter.

The Director, in reply, agreed that the debate created a different position. Mr. Syrett in evidence stated that Collins said he had yet to learn that police officers were not entitled to question people without consulting their solicitors, and "I told him he had a lot to learn yet." (Laughter).

The inquiry was adjourned.—Reuter.

## THE PRIMATE.

### INDICATES HIS FORTHCOMING RESIGNATION.

London, Yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, presiding at Canterbury Diocesan Conference, foreshadowed his resignation when he said the seventh Lambeth Conference of 1930 would not be under his chairmanship.—Reuter.

[The Most Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson is now 80 years old, having been born near Edinburgh in 1848. He has been Archbishop of Canterbury for 25 years.]

## DERBY SWEEP.

### CALCUTTA MAN HOLDER OF THE FELSTEAD TICKET.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

It is now definitely understood that Mr. W. H. Webb, aged 50, an Anglo-Indian member of the staff of Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Company here, drew Felstead in the Calcutta Sweep.

He is now at sea between Colombo and Singapore en route to Siam on a holiday.

The shipping agents acquainted him with news of his fortune by wireless.—Reuter.

## "SOUTHERN CROSS."

### N. S. WALES TO GRANT FLIERS £2,500.

Sydney, Yesterday.

New South Wales Government have decided to grant the "Southern Cross" fliers £2,500 towards their expenses.—Reuter.

**Leaves Fugi For Brisbane.**

Suva, Yesterday.

The "Southern Cross" has departed for Brisbane.—Reuter.

## BUDGET BILL.

### SECOND READING PASSED BY THE COMMONS.

London, Yesterday.

The Commons passed the second reading and the amendment of the Rating and Valuation Apportionment Bill, after rejecting Mr. Snowden's amendment by 308 votes to 140.—Reuter.

#### CHANGSHA CONDITIONS.

Changsha, Yesterday.

Hunan Nationalist troops in the army corps previously commanded by General Ho Chien and Cheng Chien are being regrouped. There is no trouble and the city is quite.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Changsha is the capital of Hunan province.]

## OUR SEAMEN.

### What the Mission Is Doing For Them.

#### 1927 ACTIVITIES.

#### Rev. Mr. G. T. Waldegrave Issues Most Interesting Report.

We have been told (states the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave in the annual report of the Missions to Seamen in Hong Kong) by one who is in a position to know that as a Missions to Seamen Station Hong Kong is practically unique, in that men of the Royal Navy form so large a proportion of the seafarers for whom the local branch of the Society caters. In other ports the Society deals almost entirely with merchant seamen, and the "Navy man" is a rare though none the less welcome visitor. Here however with two Naval Yards and Anchorages literally surrounded by the Mercantile portions of City and Harbour, the Seamen's Institute depends very largely indeed for its income on the presence of Naval vessels in port. That is why the troubles in China which have so seriously affected trade and merchant shipping have also paradoxically enough, owing to the necessary increase in British fighting forces in the Far East, enabled the Missions to Seamen in Hong Kong to show for the past twelve months a far more satisfactory Institute Working Account than has been the case for several years back. This does not mean that we are yet out of the financial "wood." Far from it. But it does mean that we have been able to keep going over a time which judging from the past should have necessitated crippling retrenchment. For this continuance of God's mercy we are profoundly thankful.

**Committee.**

During the past year three members of the Committee resigned on leaving the Colony, Messrs. A. H. Barlow, A. O. Lang and G. M. Young. Of these Mr. Young had been on the Committee by far the longest, ever since 1917, while Mr. Lang succeeded Mr. E. V. D. Parr and Mr. Barlow followed the late Mr. A. G. Stephen. To all of them alike we offer our sincere thanks for all the help which both collectively and individually they rendered so ably and willingly, though other claims on their time were many and important. We may say here that the same applies to the present members of the Committee, and especially to our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. T. G. Weall, who is indefatigable in raising funds for us, and Sir Henry Pollock the oldest member of the Committee, on both of whom is falling the burden of important negotiations affecting the future of the Missions to Seamen in Hong Kong. We welcome on the Committee the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. J. H. Little, Mr. M. T Johnson also joined for a short period, but left before any call was made on his service

**Seamen's Institute.**

We have already made reference to the larger number of men using the Institute, owing to the increase in the Forces in the Far East. Comparison between the figures for 1926 and 1927 is illuminating. In 1926, 12,137 cabins and beds were occupied, in 1927, 26,228. This naturally implies greater takings in the catering department from casual meals and refreshments, and this was the case. We had to extend the hours at which we kept the dining-room open for hot meals, and also made certain alterations in the hours for booking beds. Both steps proved mutually beneficial.

The interior and furniture of the Institute has been kept in good repair under the supervision of the Assistant-Manager, Mr. H. Watt, but we found it necessary to have extensive and expensive repairs done to the roof and skylights, and a certain amount of external replastering taken in hand.

Owing to the kindness of a local Shipping Company, the Manager was able to take a trip to Calcutta and back, but we regret that Mrs. Sellwood had again to undergo a very serious operation which has prevented her from giving such assistance as she has rendered in the past.

In reporting on the Institute, we must pay tribute to the work of the Chinese Staff in all departments. The hours are not short, 6 a.m. to midnight, but we have never had any serious trouble, and only such small incidental brothers as occur in any establishment where a large staff of servants is necessary.

**Church Services.**

The number of seafarers attending our Services in the little Chapel in the Institute was slightly higher than in 1926, but we have not yet again reached the average of the days before the various strikes affected trade and shipping in this part of the World. The number of Communicants also show an increase.

The Chaplain in addition to his Services in the Institute was again able to assist the Chaplains in H.M. Vessels, by taking Services in some of the ships which do not carry Chaplains as a regular thing, or only share a Chaplain with other ships.

During the year we had two missionaries from the Interior staying at the Institute, the Rev. W. Cannell, and the Rev. J. R. Wilson. Both these clergymen, and especially the former, until he temporarily joined the Cathedral Staff, gave very great assistance in many ways, and we take this opportunity of expressing to them and to other clergy our sincere thanks for their valuable help.

**Hospital Visiting.**

This part of the work takes up a good deal of the Chaplain's time, especially on account of the distances separating the various hospitals to which seafarers are sent. The Chaplain welcomes any information as regards ships' officers or seamen being sent to hospital, for it is during times of sickness and convalescence that the seafarer feels his loneliness most keenly. Needless to say anyone who has time to visit such men will find any trouble entailed well rewarded. We should like on behalf of the men visited to express their and our thanks to many ladies who have already undertaken this work. Some of the "cases" are very interesting, and some of course tragic. Few of us will forget "Paddy" who spent 21 months in the G.C.H. after a fall of 70 feet from a mast on to an iron deck, which resulted in a smashed thigh and knee in addition to other minor injuries. His cheery pluck and endurance right through the long dreary period during which disappointment followed disappointment were an inspiration to any who came in contact with him. He was sent home when fit to travel being met in London by one of the Chaplains of the Missions to Seamen who sent us news of his safe arrival.

**Social.**

The powers and time of musical folk must have been sorely taxed during the past twelve months to provide entertainment for the Troops of both Services in the Colony, and we therefore record with deep appreciation concerts given in the Institute by such parties as the "Sqeuakettes" under the leadership of Mrs. Russell-Brown and Miss Violet Capell's "J-Pans." Concert Parties from several of H.M. Ships also gave excellent "shows." Our own weekly Whist Drives, every Wednesday throughout the year by request, were continually well attended. We sincerely thank our volunteer M. Co. The Concert Hall was much used for practice and rehearsal purposes by various concert parties from ships. In the warmer weather the *Dayspring* carried on her usual work in the way of bathing picnics. Only recently a ship's officer told the Chaplain that he had heard the *Dayspring* Bathing Picnics referred to with appreciation in places so far distant as New York and the Argentine.

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## THE "ITALIA."

### Now in Wireless Touch.

#### HOPE OF RESCUE.

#### "Citta di Milano" Believed to Have Re-established Communication.

Rome, Yesterday.

Signals from the airship "Italia" are understood to have been received by the supply ship "Citta di Milano" in the course of the latter's regular periodic wireless calls to the missing dirigible.

A Milan message says that the chairman of the Nobile Relief Committee has announced that he had heard from the "Citta di Milano" that she had succeeded in re-establishing wireless communication with the "Italia."—Reuter.

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# COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## TRADE PROSPECTS.

### FURTHER FACTORS IN EFFICIENCY.

### COMMITTEE'S SURVEY.

The Departmental Committee appointed in 1924, under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Balfour, to inquire into the conditions and prospects of British industry and commerce, with special reference to the export trade, have issued a fourth report, in which they deal with "Further Factors in Industrial and Commercial Efficiency."

The Committee express confidence that the book, like its predecessors, which were concerned with a "Survey of Overseas Markets," a "Survey of Industrial Relations," and "Factors in Industrial and Commercial Efficiency," will not only be of permanent value as a work of reference, but will facilitate the examination of the problems at present confronting British industry.

The material contained in the volume has been specially prepared for the purpose, and represents a collection of information which is not otherwise readily available. The report contains 360 pages and is published by H.M. Stationery Office (price 3s. 6d. net).

The present volume, together with two others, dealing with the textile industries and the metal trades, will complete the survey of industries undertaken by the Committee. The reports are not concerned with recommendations but aim at classifying and analysing facts and tendencies. Following their usual practice, the Committee have written an introduction, which draws attention to some of the chief considerations which arise from a study of the three volumes.

This points out that while cotton, wool, and artificial silk, iron and steel, engineering, electrical manufacturing, shipping, and coal account for a large part of British export trade, it does not necessarily follow that the recent course of development in these industries has been fully representative of the trend of British industry as a whole. "On the contrary," the Committee observe, "it is 'prima facie' not unlikely that the industries which have been the great staple export trades of the past may in some cases have failed to keep step with the recent growth and progress of some of the newer though smaller trades. Among the great exporting industries are included certain branches of export which, thanks to the earlier industrial development of this country, enjoyed at one time something approaching a monopoly in overseas markets—a condition which in recent years has passed away and given place to increasing foreign competition. It would therefore not be surprising if certain of the trades which for many years have furnished the bulk of British exports showed a lower rate of progress than some of the newest industries that are growing up alongside of them."

### Output And Power.

The Committee first discuss industrial output and power on the basis of a memorandum in which some of the preliminary results of the Census of Production of 1924 are summarised. The persons employed in 1924 in the mining and manufacturing industries for which figures are given in the memorandum numbered about 5,500,000 compared with about 4,700,000 in the same industries in 1907, an increase of 17 per cent. in 17 years. The money value of the total "net output" increased in the same period by 181 per cent. and that of the average net output per head by 96 per cent. Allowing for the change in the value of money in the interval the Committee find that between 1907 and 1924 the increase in the average volume, as distinct for money value, of net output was relatively slight.

It is evident that the results of improved means of production, changes of business organisation, technical processes, plant and machinery, have been offset by other factors such as the reduction of working hours and the depressed state of industry. It is pointed out in this connection that the number of employed persons on which the "per capita" output is calculated is the total number of "equivalent full-time workers." As 1924 was a year of depression compared with 1907, it is probable that if the output per head had been calculated for both years on the basis of "equivalent full-time workers" the results would have been somewhat different. It has to be added that if mining were excluded and the comparison confined to manufacturing industry proper a considerably greater rate of increase would be shown.

Compared with 1907, the mechanical power at the service of industry in 1924 showed a much greater rate of increase than the "per capita" production. Figures are quoted to show that the power capacity available rose from less than eight million to something more than 13¾ million horse-power. It is, of course, not to be expected, the committee note, that productivity will increase in direct proportion to the increase of mechanical power, but the wide discrepancy between the rates of increase of horse-power and productivity per head of the working population contrasts unfavourably with corresponding figures for the United States, where between 1904 and 1925 the rates of increase of net industrial production and horse-power per head of employees were almost identical at about 64 per cent. Such differences suggest the question whether in Great Britain full advantage had been taken of the increased power available.

An important chapter of the report is concerned with the costs of industrial production and distribution. "It is a commonplace of economists," the committee state, "that under a regime of free competition prices tend to a common level. As regards cost of production, however, there is no such tendency. On the contrary, costs even within the same industry tend to an infinite variety, corresponding to differences among the competing undertakings in respect of every kind of industrial advantage—geographical situation, layout of premises, efficiency of equipment, organisation and personnel. Moreover, these differences, so far from being removed by competition, may even tend to become accentuated, inasmuch as the less efficient or well-placed undertakings, which naturally lose trade to their better-equipped competitors, are forced to spread their overhead charges over a reduced output, thus further enhancing their costs and weakening their competitive position."

### Post-War Rise in Costs.

After reference to the difficulty of investigation, the report states that comparing the total costs in 1913 and 1924 or 1925, a very wide range of difference is found, both as between different industries and within the same industry. "Naturally the returns from individual firms show a greater range of divergence from the pre-war level than those representing large groups of undertakings in which the extreme cases are "diluted" by the process of averaging. If the mean 50 entries of total costs for 1925 be arranged under five great groups of export trades, and these groups be weighted roughly according to their relative magnitude, the resulting average cost level is round above 184, the corresponding figure for 1913 being denoted by 100. We may without great risk of error infer that the average rise of industrial costs in the great exporting trades between 1913 and 1925 has been in the neighbourhood of 80 to 90 per cent.

"This indication of the average increase of total costs is of considerable value in giving a standard or 'norm' by which to measure the eccentricities of particular cost variations. It does not, however, carry us very far, without an exploration of the differences between different industries. Among the examples analysed the total costs as compared with 1913 (=100) ranged from 120 (heavy oil engine) and 133 (blasting explosives) at the one end of the scale up to 275 (Egyptian cotton spinning) at the other. Of the groups of trades the textile group with an average of 225 shows much the highest rise, while shipbuilding (147), iron and steel (162), general engineering (166), and chemicals (174) show the lowest rates of increase.

"The excessive increase of costs in the textile group is mainly attributable to the great rise in the cost of raw material, of which the great bulk is imported. The returns of undertakings in the cotton trade show that on the average nearly three-quarters of the cost of production both in spinning and in weaving is represented by the cost of materials, and that on the average the cost of materials in 1925 was 236, as compared with 100 in 1913. In other cases a great part of the increase is attributed to a decline in production and a consequent increase in the burden of overhead charges per unit of output.

Turning to an analysis of the figures relating to wages costs, the Committee note the widely different percentages of total cost of production which is represented by wages of labour employed, directly or indirectly, on production in the same industrial group. The figures, it is stated, indicate that in the cost accounts of the great exporting trades as a whole the average proportion borne to total cost by the wages of labour employed, directly or indirectly, on production is in the neighbourhood of 38 to 40 per cent. This average does not include the element of wages contained in other items of cost, such as materials.

### Wages And Raw Materials.

The highest percentage found for any important industry in 1925 was that for coal mining (70.7). Among the lowest percentages were coke (about 9) and basic pig iron (10), the predominant reason in these cases being the high proportion of cost due to raw materials. Similarly the low percentage (about 15) represented by labour cost in cotton spinning and weaving is mainly attributable to the high proportion of the spinners' and weavers' cost due to raw cotton and to yarn respectively; and in steel production, where wages represent roughly 10 to 15 per cent. of total cost a large proportion of the balance is accounted for by raw materials. In the return for heavy chemicals, on the other hand, in which the percentage of labour costs is about 20, overhead charges (which include maintenance) predominate, the item "other expenses" amounting to half the total cost of production. Between these extremes, boot and shoe making (27) and engineering (34) are examples of industries forming an intermediate group as regards proportion of wages cost.

The Committee next inquire into the movement of labour costs as between 1913 and 1925, both absolutely and in relation to the movement of total cost. They find that on the average the wages cost of production in the instances examined has increased in the interval by about 90 per cent. In the group comprising the coal, iron and steel, shipbuilding, and general engineering trades the increase has been somewhat less (between 80 and 85 per cent.), while the textile and clothing groups show increases between 90 and 115 per cent. and the chemical group (including dyes, explosives, and soap) comes highest with an increase of 129 per cent. The Committee mention some reasons for the differences in these percentages, such as the disproportionate rise in wages for unskilled labour experienced in full force by the chemical group, the operation of the Trade Boards Act in the clothing group, and an increase in the amount of labour expended per unit of production, owing to change of fashion, in the boot and shoe trades. In the cotton trade the governing factor has probably been the reduction of hours of labour for which no compensation could be found by speeding up machinery. But it is noteworthy that in all the great groups, with the possible exceptions of iron and steel, shipbuilding, and general engineering, the rate of increase of the labour cost per unit of product shown by the returns exceeded the rise during the same period in the rates of money wages for a full week's work.

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| Beef Sirloin | 牛腰脊 | lb. | 28 | 24 | 12 |
| „ Prime Cut | | „ | 28 | 23 | 12 |
| „ Corned | 咸牛肉 | „ | — | 23 | 12 |
| „ Roast | 燒牛肉 | „ | 28 | 24 | 22 |
| „ Breast | 牛腩 | „ | 24 | 20 | 18 |
| „ Soup | 湯肉 | „ | 26 | 20 | 18 |
| „ Steak | 牛扒 | „ | 28 | 24 | 22 |
| „ Steak Sirloin | 牛柳扒 | „ | 40 | 30 | 35 |
| „ Sausages | 牛腸 | „ | 40 | 26 | 20 |
| Bullock's Brains | 牛腦 | per set | 15 | 10 | 12 |
| „ Tongue, fresh | 牛脷 | each | 65 | 50 | 60 |
| „ Tongue, corned | 咸牛脷 | „ | — | 60 | — |
| „ Head | 牛頭 | „ | $1.20 | — | $1.20 |
| „ Heart | 牛心 | lb. | 24 | 13 | 14 |
| „ Hump, Salt | 牛腩 | „ | 34 | 20 | 18 |
| „ Feet | 牛腳 | each | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| „ Kidneys | 牛腰 | „ | 15 | 10 | 12 |
| „ Tail | 牛尾 | „ | 28 | 20 | 23 |
| „ Liver | 牛肝 | lb. | 24 | 13 | 14 |
| „ Tripe | 牛肚 | „ | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Calves' Head & Feet | 牛仔頭腳 | set | $1.20 | $1.00 | $1.00 |
| Mutton Chop | 羊排骨 | lb. | 46 | 26 | — |
| „ Leg | 羊腳 | „ | 46 | 26 | — |
| „ Shoulder | 羊手 | „ | 44 | 24 | — |
| „ Saddle | 肉 | „ | 46 | — | — |
| Pig's Chitlings | 豬腸 | „ | 30 | — | 27 |
| „ Brains | 豬腦 | Per set | 3 | — | 12 |
| „ Feet | 豬腳 | lb. | 15 | 15 | — |
| „ Fry | 豬什 | „ | 28 | 15 | 18 |
| „ Head | 豬頭 | „ | 15 | 20 | — |
| „ Heart | 豬心 | each | 15 | 10 | 10 |
| „ Kidneys | 豬腰 | „ | 15 | 10 | 8 |
| „ Liver | 豬肝 | lb. | 48 | 30 | 24 |
| Pork Chop | 豬排骨 | „ | 34 | 25 | 23 |
| „ Leg | 豬腳 | „ | 34 | — | — |
| „ Loin | 豬後腰 | „ | 38 | 60 | 70 |
| „ Fat or Lard | 豬油 | „ | 24 | 21 | — |
| Sheep's Head & Feet | 羊頭腳 | per set | 90 | 60 | 70 |
| „ Heart | 羊心 | each | 12 | 8 | 7 |
| „ Kidneys | 羊腰 | „ | 15 | 12 | 10 |
| „ Liver | 羊肝 | „ | 48 | 28 | 25 |
| Sucking Pigs, to order | 乳豬 | lb. | 28 | 25 | 22 |
| Suet, Beef | 鮮牛油 | „ | 30 | 20 | 18 |
| „ Mutton | 鮮羊油 | „ | 48 | 26 | 26 |
| Veal | 牛仔肉 | „ | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| „ Sausages | 牛仔腸 | „ | 32 | — | — |
| „ „ No. 1. | | „ | 28 | — | — |

### Fish.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barbel | 鯪魚 | lb. | 38 | 19 | 24 |
| Bream | 鳊魚 | „ | 32 | 20 | 16 |
| Canton Fresh Water Fish. | (省河淡水)鮮 | „ | 28 | 18 | 16 |
| | | „ | 30 | 16 | 27 |
| Carp | 鯉魚 | „ | 22 | 12 | 9 |
| Catfish | 鮠魚 | „ | 30 | 20 | 25 |
| Codfish | 鱈魚 | „ | 24 | 23 | 26 |
| Crabs | 蟹 | „ | 20 | 16 | 2 |
| Cuttle Fish | 墨魚 | „ | 35 | 23 | 16 |
| Dab | | „ | 38 | 20 | — |
| Dace | 青尾鯽 | „ | 15 | 10 | 8 |
| Dog Fish | 鯊魚 | „ | 20 | 16 | — |
| Eels, Conger | 海鰻 | „ | 30 | 10 | 18 |
| „ Fresh Water | 淡水 | „ | 22 | 26 | 30 |
| „ Yellow | 黃鱔 | „ | 65 | 32 | 25 |
| Frogs | 田雞 | „ | 75 | 40 | 30 |
| Garoupa | 石班 | „ | 24 | 22 | 18 |
| Gudgeon | 白鮓 | „ | 21 | 18 | 23 |
| Herrings | 鮸魚 | „ | 22 | 18 | 15 |
| Halibut | 白甲魚 | „ | 24 | 22 | 18 |
| Labrus | 青衣 | „ | 45 | 22 | 24 |
| Loach | 鰍魚 | „ | 45 | 32 | 21 |
| Lobsters | 龍蝦 | „ | 34 | 20 | 26 |
| Mackerel | 鯖魚 | „ | 48 | 18 | 2 |
| Monk Fish | 鮟鱇 | „ | 20 | 18 | 2 |
| Mullet | 烏頭 | „ | 30 | 16 | 22 |
| Oysters | 蠔豉 | „ | 23 | 14 | 9 |
| Parrot Fish | 鸚公 | „ | 25 | 20 | 15 |
| Perch | 鱸魚 | „ | 35 | 16 | 9 |
| Pike | 花鮒 | „ | 32 | 26 | 29 |
| Plaice | 黃鰈 | „ | 30 | 88 | 30 |
| Pomfret, Black | 黑鯧 | „ | 35 | 36 | 45 |
| Pomfret, White | 白鯧 | „ | 70 | 10 | 14 |
| Prawns | 蝦 | „ | 12 | 10 | 14 |
| Ray | 鱟 | „ | 40 | 13 | 18 |
| Rock Fish | 石斑 | „ | 35 | 22 | 16 |
| Roach | 鯇魚 | „ | 50 | 36 | 30 |
| Salmon | 鮭魚 | „ | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| Shark | 沙魚 | „ | 14 | 10 | 10 |
| Skate | 鱝魚 | „ | 55 | 32 | 30 |
| Shrimps | 蝦公 | „ | 48 | 26 | 35 |
| Snapper | 紅衫 | „ | 45 | 28 | 28 |
| Soles | 龍利 | „ | 36 | 22 | 18 |
| Tench | 鯽魚 | „ | 35 | 18 | 12 |
| Turbot | 左口 | „ | 1.00 | 40 | — |
| Turtles, small fr. water | 龜 | | | | |

### Poultry.

| | | | June 1, 1928. Cts. | June, 1918. Cts. | June, 1914 Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicken | 雞 | lb. | 55 | 30 | 31 |
| Capons, Small | 線雞 | „ | 45 | 28 | 30 |
| Capons, Large | 閹雞 | „ | 55 | 28 | 30 |
| Duck | 鴨 | „ | 45 | 22 | 21 |
| Doves | 鴿 | each | — | 22 | 21 |
| Eggs, Hen (cooking) | 雞蛋 | per doz. | 32 | 18 | — |
| Eggs, Hen (fresh) | 新鮮雞蛋 | „ | 38 | 25 | 20 |
| Fowls, Canton | 本地雞 | lb. | 70 | 36 | 24 |
| Fowls, Hainan | 海南雞 | „ | 40 | 36 | 24 |
| Geese | 鵝 | „ | 45 | 24 | 24 |
| Pigeons, Canton | 白鴿 | each | 55 | 30 | — |
| „ Hoihow | 海口鴿 | „ | 30 | 28 | — |
| Turkeys, Cock | 火雞公 | lb. | 65 | — | — |
| Turkeys, Hen | 火雞嫲 | „ | 60 | 51 | 45 |
| Snipe | 沙鷸 | each | — | — | — |
| Pheasant | 山鷄 | pair | — | — | — |
| Quail | 鶉 | each | — | — | 2 |
| Partridges | 鷓鴣 | „ | — | — | — |

### Fruits.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Almonds | 杏仁 | lb. | 76 | 35 | — |
| Apples (California) | 金山蘋果 | „ | 24 | 24 | — |
| Bananas (bride's) | 糸山香蕉 | „ | 6 | 4 | — |
| Carambola | 楊桃 | „ | — | 12 | — |
| Cocoanuts | 椰子 | each | 14 | 10 | 10 |
| Lemons, China | 檸檬 | lb. | 10 | 25 | 30 |
| Lemons (America) | 金山檸檬 | each | 8 | 8 | — |
| Lichees, Dried | 荔枝干 | lb. | — | 25 | 30 |
| Oranges (Canton) | 新會甜橙 | „ | 20 | — | — |
| Oranges | 橙 | „ | 28 | — | 15 |
| Pears (Canton) | 梨 | „ | 18 | — | — |
| Peanuts | 花生 | „ | 14 | 10 | 12 |
| Persimmons, Large | 紅柿 | „ | — | 12 | — |
| Plantain | 大蕉 | „ | 5 | 3 | — |
| Pumelo, Siam | 暹羅柚 | each | 16 | 12 | 6 |
| Walnuts | 合桃 | lb. | 16 | — | 16 |
| Grapes | 葡萄子 | „ | — | — | — |

### Vegetables, &c.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Artichokes | 佛手竹 | each | 12 | — | 8 |
| Beans, Sprout | 芽菜 | lb. | 5 | — | 7 |
| „ Long | 豆角 | „ | 10 | 8 | — |
| Beet Root | 紅蘿蔔 | „ | 12 | — | — |
| Bitter Squash | 苦瓜 | „ | 6 | 24 | — |
| Brinjals, Green | 茄子 | „ | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| „ Red | 紅茄子 | „ | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Cabbage, Chinese | 介菜 | „ | 13 | — | — |
| „ (Shanghai) | 滬菜 | „ | — | 12 | — |
| Cane Shoots, bunch | 蔗 | „ | — | — | — |
| Cauliflower (Large) | 大中細鄉下花 | each | — | — | — |
| „ (Medium) | | „ | — | — | — |
| „ (Small) | | „ | — | 6 | 6 |
| Carrots | 金邊蘿蔔 | lb. | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Celery, Chinese | 芹菜 | „ | — | 10 | 6 |
| Chillies, Dried | 乾辣椒干 | „ | 35 | 25 | 5 |
| „ Red | 紅辣椒 | „ | 15 | 10 | 16 |
| „ Green | 青辣椒 | „ | 12 | 8 | 12 |
| Curry Stuff, English | 咖喱材料 | „ | 10 | 8 | — |
| Cucumbers | 青瓜 | „ | 8 | 2 | — |
| Garlic | 蒜子 | „ | 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Ginger, Young | 薑 | „ | 12 | 7 | — |
| „ Old | 老薑 | „ | 5 | 10 | — |
| Horseradish, Shanghai | | „ | 30 | 8 | 4 |
| Indian Corn | 粟米 | „ | 8 | 45 | — |
| Lettuce | 生菜 | „ | 6 | 1 | — |
| Water Chestnuts | 馬蹄 | „ | 3 | — | 8 |
| „ Mandarin | 桂林馬蹄 | „ | 12 | — | 8 |
| Mushrooms, Fresh | 鮮竹生 | „ | 50 | — | 3 |
| Okroes | | „ | — | 1 | 10 |
| Onions, Bombay | 白葱 | „ | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| „ Green | 生葱 | „ | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| „ Shanghai | 上海葱 | „ | 6 | 6 | — |
| Parsley | 芹菜 | „ | 10 | 60 | 8 |
| Potato, Sweet | 番薯 | „ | 5 | 3 | — |
| „ Japanese | 日本番村 | „ | 4 | 3 | — |
| „ American | 金山番村 | „ | 5 | 3 | — |
| Pumpkin | 金瓜 | „ | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Radish | 紅蘿蔔 | „ | — | — | — |
| Rhubarb (Fresh) | 大黃 | „ | 15 | — | 10 |
| Shallots | 干葱 | „ | 8 | — | 8 |
| Spinach | 菠菜 | „ | 6 | 8 | — |
| Tomatoes | 番茄 | „ | 8 | 4 | — |
| Taros | 芋頭 | „ | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Turnips, Punti (Long) | 蘿蔔 | „ | 6 | 6 | — |
| Vegetable Marrow | 節瓜 | „ | 6 | 4 | — |
| Water Cress | 西洋菜 | „ | 6 | 4 | — |
| Water Lily Root | 蓮藕 | „ | 4 | 15 | — |
| | | „ | 5 | 6 | — |

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## CHINESE IN MALAYA.

THEIR DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES.

ENERGY ENTERPRISE.

British Malaya undoubtedly owes a great deal to the Chinese, whose industry, energy and enterprise have in the past contributed largely to the development of this country and its resources and whose generosity in support of charity and education is well-known, says the "Malay Mail." On the other hand, the Chinese in Malaya owe even more to the British Government, under whose protection many of them have waxed prosperous and wealthy and all of them enjoy a degree of comfort and security which they can find nowhere else. And whereas the first phase of this relationship is frequently recalled and freely admitted in speech and in print, the second is apt to be taken for granted or even too often ignored or overlooked. Circumstances have now arisen that make it desirable that it should be clearly restated and emphasized and in which it becomes the plain duty of one who is a genuine friend of the Chinese in Malaya and has their real interests at heart to be perfectly candid and tell them a few home truths. This is not a particularly pleasant task, but the present writer, who worked for many years in the closest touch and complete harmony with the most intelligent body of Chinese in the Peninsula, believes without any false modesty that he is as well equipped and qualified as any unofficial in British Malaya to undertake it and that to shirk it would be a gross dereliction of a moral obligation.

Residence within the British Empire, and still more so British citizenship, implies duties as well as privileges and the first of these is ready acquiescene in the law of the land and absolute respect for the existing authority. Generally speaking, the Chinese immigrants are law-abiding people, but just as in the olden days they brought their clan fights and secret society feuds down to the Straits Settlements and let riot and bloodshed loose in the streets of Penang and Singapore, so lately they have shown a tendency to bring their international grievances and quarrels down to Malaya and have thereby created trouble both in the Colony and the F.M.S. This sort of thing cannot be tolerated under the British flag and the Chinese here must be given clearly to understand in connection with the present boycott of Japanese goods that, while nobody has the desire or the power to make them buy from or associate with the Japanese, the latter have just as much right in the country as they have and that the Government will not allow the local Japanese to be intimidated and terrorised or their shops to be picketed or forced to close down. A great many of the older Chinese quite agree that this transference of Sino-Japanese differences to Malaya is altogether wrong and unjustified and look upon the boycott and similar movements as dangerous nuisances. That being so, one might have expected that some of those among them who are universally respected and have received outward and visible signs of the trust which the Government reposes in them would come forward to remind their compatriots of their obligations towards that Government and advise them to go quietly about their business and take no part in any movement dictated from Nanking or anywhere else that is calculated to embarrass the F.M.S. authorities. But among the many admirable characteristics of the local Chinese moral courage does not as a rule figure very prominently. Few of them care to incur even passing unpopularity and none of them has so far boldly ranged himself on the side of good order and commonsense, though several in Kuala Lumpur have, we understand, given private assurances that they will use all their influence to prevent a breach of the peace.

## JUMBO'S NIGHT OUT.

MAKES SOCIAL CALL, GETS JAMMED IN KITCHEN DOOR.

EATS TABLECLOTH.

Bebe, a young female elephant, eight feet high and weighing a ton and a half, caused a "certain liveliness" in Goldsmith-road, Peckham, S.E., about 2.30 a.m. of the promising Spring day.

She had just come from Portsmouth, where she had been performing with Lester's Midgets, and couldn't stand the loneliness of her stable in Goldsmith-road. So she decided to look for cheering society.

She was chained by two legs to the ground, and the door was locked and bolted with a thick iron bar; but Bebe could not allow such trifles to stand in her way. She broke her chains and then charged the door. The wood cracked and Bebe had only to lean heavily against the door to force it open, narrates the "Daily News and Westminster Gazette"

**Seeking Friendly Children.**

She strolled down the yard towards a house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Way and their five children, and paused outside the kitchen door.

Here again Bebe, hoping, apparently, to discover the children, who had made a pet of her during the day, found it necessary to use force. The door was locked and bolted, but Bebe soon had it open. Her difficulty then was to walk into the house.

The doorway, which opens straight into the kitchen, is only about 3-ft. wide and Bebe wedged herself half in and half out, and investigated everything within reach of her trunk.

**Ate the Tablecloth.**

She pulled the cloth off the table, which had been laid for breakfast.

The noise attracted Mr. Way. Entering the kitchen, he found Bebe eating the tablecloth.

During the next hour or so she could not complain of loneliness. The whole of the Way family and a number of neighbours gave her their undivided attention.

Eventually she was persuaded to return to her stable.

Stronger chains were fitted and the door was made more secure.

## "MARMADUKE."

SUGAR BAIT CAPTURES OXFORD-ST. MONKEY.

"Marmaduke," the small South Indian monkey that was free on the roofs of Oxford-street, London, during a whole week, was captured by a girl in a room of the People's League of Health offices, in Stratford-place.

Miss Bertha Sparkes, the assistant secretary of the League, telling the story of his capture to the "Evening Standard" said:—

The work of the League was held up time after time by this monkey, who ran up and down our corridors and popped into first one room and then another.

One night we decided to leave a third-storey window open. In the morning when we came to the office there was "Marmaduke" perched on a roof just outside.

We coaxed him in by offering him sugar, and as soon as he was inside we shut both door and window and telephoned to his owner, a naturalist in the neighbourhood.

Presently a lad arrived with a net and a sack.

The monkey was allowed to finish drinking some milk from a bottle, and was putting the bottle down when the lad placed the net over his head.

## TRAGIC DEATH.

BRITISH SUBJECT'S SUICIDE IN SHANGHAI.

THE INQUEST.

At the inquest held over the remains of Harold George Boyling, who was found dead in his bed on May 28, Mr. I. T. Morris, H. M. Coroner returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide on May 28—29, whilst temporarily insane.

Dr. A. D. Wall, the first witness, said that he examined the body of deceased at about 7 a.m., on May 28. The body was on the bed in deceased's room at 9B Chaoufoong Road. A revolver lay beside the body. According to witness the wound, there were bullet holes in both temples, might have been self-inflicted. There were no other marks of violence.

Det.-Sub.-Inspec. Knight, attached to Wayside Police Station, gave similar evidence as to the position of the body and the revolver. The bullet after passing through the head, rested on the pillow. In the weapon were four live cartridges and one spent cartridge.

Sergt. Arthur Edward Smith, Royal Engineers, said that he knew deceased for about six weeks. He had played bridge in the sergeants' mess until about 11.30 p.m. Deceased drank beer but gave no indication that he intended taking his own life.

The room boy said that deceased ordered two eggs for dinner, which he ate, and then left the house. On the following morning witness found the body and reported to his employer.

The verdict was then returned as stated.

## VISCOUNT'S BRIDE.

OLD-FASHIONED GIRL DESCENDANT OF MONARCHS.

The engagement of Miss Thea Margaret Gordon Gronvold to Viscount Loftus, only son of the Marquess of Ely, was announced on the young lady's seventeenth birthday. She is a charming girl with long, fair hair. Her father is Norwegian. Viscount Loftus is 24.

He told the "Evening Standard;" "I have known Miss Gronvold since she was a little girl. I met her at her birthday party and we fell in love. We are to be married in the autumn."

Miss Gronvold loves motoring. Her birthday presents include a handsome car, the gift of her father.

The Marquis of Ely said: "Miss Gronvold is not a modern girl. She neither smokes nor drinks cocktails. Miss Gronvold enjoyed this little joke.

Miss Gronvold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Gronvold, Burnswick-square, Hove. Mr. Gronvold is well known in the financial world.

Viscount Loftus has travelled extensively in the last four years. He has visited Morocco, Syria, and Africa. His hobbies are music and photography.

"I took up photography when I was ten. I have run an orchestra, and am credited with being fairly smart at playing all modern instruments," he said.

**A Title Controversy.**

Viscount Loftus was concerned last year in the controversy between the Marquess of Ely and a man who styled himself Lord Loftus and his wife Lady Loftus. The man alleged he had claims to the title.

The Marquess said that he would pay £1,000 to a charity if justification of the claim of "Lord Loftus" were produced. "Lord Loftus" thereupon made a similar declaration that he would pay £1,000 if his claim were proved unjustifiable. Neither sum was claimed.

**Descendant of Kings.**

Miss Gronvold's father is Norwegian. She was born at Hove. She is a kinswoman of old Scottish families. Her maternal grandfather was the grandson of General Gordon Cuming-Skene, of Pitlurg and Dyce, Aberdeenshire, a descendant of Adam de Gordon (1093), from whom sprang the Dukes of Gordon.

Mrs. Gronvold's father, the late Mr. Huntly Gordon Murray, was a son of Major John Murray, of the 91st Foot. Miss Gronvold is of Royal descent, through her grandfather, the late Mr. Huntly Gordon Murray, from Robert III. of Scotland and Edward III. of England.

## MAHARAJA M.P.?

BURDWAN RULER MAY STAND FOR PARLIAMENT.

STUDYING POLITICS

London, May 16.

The Maharaja of Burdwan has informed the "Statesman" that he is taking a course in English politics with the intention of standing for Parliament.

The Maharaja is stated to be taking a political course at the Philip Scott College, Northampton, to get an insight into English political life.

Afterwards, if invited by the Conservative Party, he would be willing to stand for Parliament.

Interviewed by Reuter the Maharaja said that while there was no immediate prospect of his putting up for any constituency he would be willing, having once learned more about the work of Parliamentary candidates, to stand if the Conservative Party invited him.

While at the Philip Scott College the Maharaja of Burdwan will live the life of the ordinary student. The course includes current politics, public speaking, canvassing, industrial politics, political organization and economics and the records of modern Conservatism.

## JEWISH A. D. C.

"BORG MIR DEIN VEIB."

The Shanghai Jewish Amateur Dramatic Circle closed their season at the Lyceum Theatre with the presentation of Shor's four-act farce, "Borg Mir Dein Veib," (Lend me your Wife). Mr. S. Wulff was the producer.

The scenes are laid in London, and the story centres about a young man whose uncle sends him a monthly allowance which is not sufficient for his needs. He writes his uncle that he is about to marry, and receives £100 by return post as a wedding gift.

A year later, being in financial straits once more, he informs his uncle that a son has been born to him. This nets him another £100. Ultimately, by a similar ruse, he gets a further £100.

He receives word of the impending visit of his uncle, so of course must provide a wife and two children for the occasion. He begs his host to lend him his wife. She flatly refuses to officiate, but her younger sister steps into the breach. A schoolmaster friend obligingly supplies two children. The uncle turns up in due course, and the usual mixups ensue, providing plenty of excitement and laughter.

Atlanta, Ga.—The head and bust of General Robert E. Lee after it was unveiled on Dixie's greatest monument, Stone Mountain. It is the work of the sculptor, Augustus Lukeman. Some idea of the size of the head can be given by the tiny figures of the men on the platform above the figure.

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PANAMA MARU ..... Sunday, 8th July.

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SHUNKO MARU ..... Thursday, 5th July.
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MENADO MARU ..... Friday, 8th June 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama
HAVANA MARU ..... End of June.

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BORNEO MARU ..... Sunday, 10th June.
SEATTLE MARU ..... Sunday, 24th June.
BATAVIA MARU ..... Saturday, 7th July.

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KISHU MARU ..... Sunday, 10th June noon
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 17th June noon.

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KOHOKU MARU ..... Thursday, 28th June noon.

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### END-ON COLLISION IN CANAL.

### BOTH BLAMEWORTHY.

Two steamers of round about 5,000 tons, the "City of Durham," of Liverpool, and the "Coelleda," of the United States Shipping Board, met in the canal—in Ellesmere Port—and either, in the Admiralty Court, blamed the other, in the main, for not keeping on her own side. They had tugs, and they met end-on, and they met in the middle, and it was a question how they got there, how long they had been there, why they stayed there, and, indeed, whether in fact they were there.

The owners of the "City of Durham" brought the action, and the U.S. Shipping Board counter-claimed. The "City of Durham" was going up, having come in from New York; the "Coelleda" was coming down, and either had a tug before and behind, and a canal pilot.

Mr. Dunlop, K.C., Mr. R. H. Balloch and Mr. Sanford Cole were for the plaintiffs, instructed by Messrs. Hill, Dickinson & Co., Liverpool, and Mr. E. Aylmer Digby, K.C., and Mr. B. B. Stenham were for the defendants, instructed by Messrs. Batesons and Co., Liverpool.

In the course of his judgment, Mr. Justice Hill observed that both ships involved in this collision were big ships. The "City of Durham," of Liverpool, was 5,356 tons gross, 427 feet long and 51 feet beam, laden, drawing 24 feet aft; and the "Coelleda" was 4,986 tons gross, 390 feet long and 54 feet beam. She was part laden, drawing 17 feet 10 inches aft, but considerably less forward. The collision was in the Manchester Ship Canal, not in one of the narrow sections of the straight canal proper, but where it widened out at Ellesmere Port, and the ships had a good deal more water in which to manoeuvre than when they were passing through the narrow parts; at least double. It was in the neighbourhood of the coal tip, towards the lower end of the north wall. The plaintiff's witnesses put it 120 feet below and the defendants 120 feet above; finally Mr. Digby put in the pilot's report from the other side, which put the stem of his ship abreast of the coal tip. His Lordship dare say that was somewhere about the position. It was important to remember that the navigable channel for these ships was not the whole channel from bank to bank. It was restricted on both sides. It was quite true that on the western side the deep water was right up to the wall, but it was to be observed that the north wall was a recessed wall, and it would not be possible to regard the width of the recess as part of the navigable channel. No doubt ships lay there when waiting for coal; one ship was in the recess, but about 50 feet had to be taken off on that side; on the other side something less, because of the slope of the bank. In that channel, which was a channel of about 250 feet wide, the collision happened, and he thought, having heard all the evidence and making the best judgment he could of it, it happened just about the centre of the channel.

**In Mid-channel.**

He said that because the defendants witnesses, as the result of their case, put it there, though some said on the east side, and he had no really definite evidence for the plaintiffs except an estimate of the steersman, who said he thought his starboard side was 120 feet out from the wall of the coal tip. That would put him a little on the west side, his proper side. It would even put the port side of his ship just about inside the line and put his ship on her own starboard side of the channel. But the court had really no evidence trust worthy from the plaintiffs on this matter, and on this matter, going by the evidence as a whole, he had come to the conclusion that the collision happened about the middle of the navigable channel. When two ships were in a navigable channel and were in collision, both in the centre of the channel, one had to ask oneself how that came about and whether either could excuse herself. He should add, to make his reason clear, that why he could not accept the defendants' evidence that they were on their own starboard side of the channel was that, as he read nearly all their evidence, the "City of Durham" was seen when the "Coelleda" was in mid-channel, and she was seen ahead, that the collision happened when the "City of Durham" was in mid-channel, and it happened with the two ships in line; it followed necessarily that the collision was in mid-channel, as he could not find, on behalf of the plaintiffs, that the "City of Durham" was beyond the mid-channel mark. They were in collision, end on, in the centre of a channel which was wide enough for them to pass port to port. It seemed to him that no further investigation was needed. There was the fact. One going up, the other down, they should have passed port to port.

There was this only to be said, that the plaintiffs' evidence that they did port, and he believed them. It would be a natural thing as they came from the narrows into Ellesmere Port, into this wide water, and the steersman said he was keeping his gradual port helm. Had he done that consistently they ought to have passed well on the port side, and even if the Coelleda" persisted in going up in mid-channel the "City of Durham" would still have cleared her. She did not clear her, and the explanation, to his lordship's mind, after consulting the Elder Brethren, was to be found in this fact, that when not getting a reply to his port helm signal he put his engines full astern and his tug went on to his port bow. That was a thing they always did in the narrows. With ships with a right angle propeller no doubt it was a wise precaution, to be ready to prevent any cut to starboard resulting from the reversing of the engines. Where the channel was 120 feet wide a cut to starboard might be very dangerous. The starboard bow might touch the bank and the ship go off in the opposite direction, and that had been a cause of collisions they had had to examine in that court. But here was wide water. The tug, acting according to rule, went on to the port bow, and in his lordship's judgment—and he had talked it over with the Elder Brethren the reason why the vessel did not effectively act on the port helm was that the tug was holding her up. As he read the evidence of the tugmaster, he was not merely remaining on the port bow with a slack rope; he was towing. They had therefore a ship with a tug on the port bow, and when she ought to be edging over to her starboard side of the canal she was still in the centre of the channel. That seemed to be the explanation. As he said before, explanation was not necessary; when one had once got the fact that she was there, that was sufficient to show fault.

**Plenty of Room.**

He would add, as it was alleged in the pleadings, that it was not the fact that the "City of Durham" starboarded, but he did not think that the witnesses of the defence had really suggested in their evidence that she did. As to the "Coelleda," she had plenty of room to have got on to her starboard side. She was found, on her own evidence, in the centre of the channel. Why did not she avoid collision? It would look as though she might have by the effect of full astern engines on her head, but her tug at the last got into a fright, and crossed her bows rapidly from starboard to port, and put a weight on the tows, which admittedly altered her heading a few degrees. That might have contributed. His Lordship could not see that the tug was to blame for it. She was in alarm for her own safety. As to the speeds, the court had no evidence in detail, but he gathered from the damage that it was slight; indeed, he was able, after examination of the engineers' logs, to decide, as to both ships, that the joint speed was very slight. He did not think he need say more. It was said, and he thought with some truth, against the defendants' ship, that it was unfortunate, at least, that the ships were past so far down from Ellesmere Port as the coal tip. They need not have met there. Each knew that the other was either going up or coming down, and each knew that the proper place to pass was in the wide water at Ellesmere Port; and the "Coelleda" heard the up-coming signal of the "City of Durham" when she was right at the head, or the other end, of the port. If she had chosen she could so have reduced her speed as to make it certain that they should meet well up in the reach, and not at a point where it would not be so easy for them. She might easily have arranged that. If the "Coelleda" excused herself by saying "I did not see the other because the visibility was only half a mile," having heard her there was perhaps the more reason, visibility being so small, why she should begin to take off her way at once, so that she should not get down to the lower end of the port until the other ship had passed. He thought that was unfortunate, but he did not think he ought on that account to vary the blame. He found both vessels to blame for the collision, and did not see sufficient reason for distinguishing the proportions of blame between them.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Bank Line s.s. "City of Tokio" sailed from Singapore on June 3, and will be due here to-morrow at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Santhia" will leave Amoy for this port to-morrow afternoon and is due here day after to-morrow.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Manila yesterday at 7 a.m., leaves Manila to-morrow at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on June 11 at 6 a.m.

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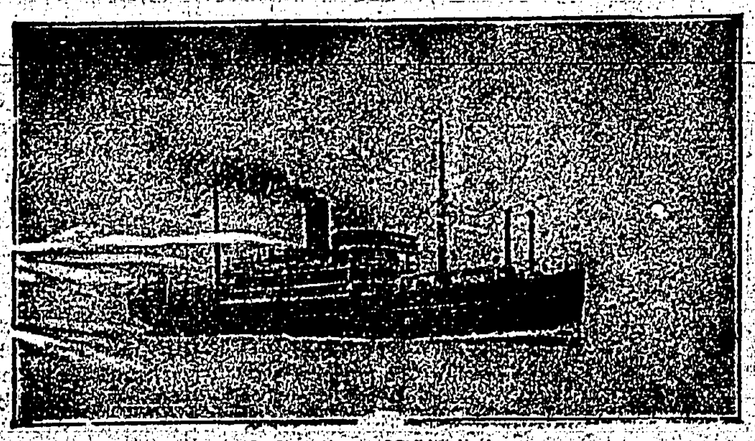

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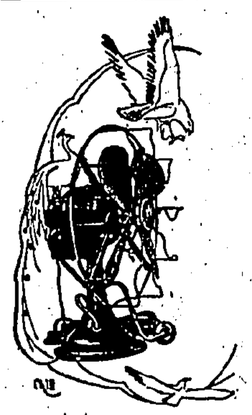

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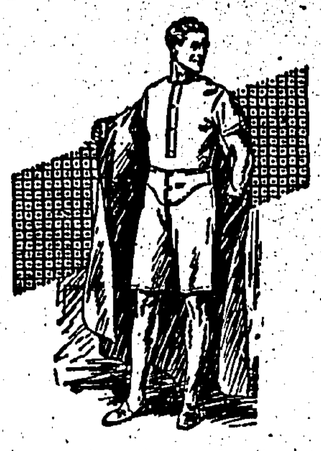

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## MORE LIGHT NEEDED.

The Money case which has been extensively reported in the newspapers at Home and out here has again put Hyde Park in an unsavoury light. Also it has again emphasised the unsatisfactory nature of uncorroborated police evidence. This latter point is one into which serious investigation has been promised, and not before time, having regard to the number of "prosecutions" which have proved abortive when the facts have been sifted. Affairs have come to such a state that Hyde Park is indeed a menace after dark—for the man who dares to enter it, that is. What adds to its potential value as a place in which acts of indecency or immorality may take place is the manner in which it is illlighted. Vice and crime will not flourish where there is light. Another of its attractions is its common reputation as a rendezvous. Here it is that supply meets demand, just as along Piccadilly or in a dance hall in any port on the China coast.

No ordinary-minded person likes to see all this adverse publicity surrounding this really beautiful park set in the centre of the most important city in the world, and the way to obviate it, in our opinion, is to flood the park with electric light after dark. As it is, the place is lit by the agency of small incandescent gas burners, which light up only about four feet from their standard, and the standards, we are told, are at least fifty feet one from the other. In consequence there are many nooks and crannies and side paths which naturally become most desirable hiding places in the eyes of those who visit the park for particular and objectionable purposes.

If Hyde Park were so lighted there would be no need for an army of policemen, and those now engaged on nightly patrol could be more worthily employed in detecting real crime. It is by now fairly well established that a policeman's uncorroborated word is not sufficient to secure the conviction of a person accused of misbehaviour in the park, and this means that our guardians of the law and morals at Home will have to walk their beats in pairs, thus increasing the public cost of this unsatisfactory surveillance. With the objection to plain clothes policemen for this kind of work we are not at the moment concerned. The objection is a real one, as are, however, a number of objections to police methods the world over. Up-to-date lighting arrangements would remove all these objections, would remove the police themselves and would remove that "supply" about which we have written.

## SINGLET SELLING.

### WOMAN FINED FOR TRADE MARKS' INFRINGEMENT.

MAN ALSO CHARGED.

A Chinese and a woman appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of selling singlets which infringed the trade marks of the Kam Hing Knitting Factory. The woman, pleading "guilty," said that having sold out her stock of Kam Hing singlets, she utilised the wrappers for the others.

The defendant was fined $20. The case against the man was adjourned until Monday morning.

## MALE ATTIRE.

The following letter was last week sent to the editor of the "N. C. Daily News":—

Sir,—The following is an excerpt from your "Notes & Comments" in to-day's issue.

"It is a fact that at one period of the war soldiers situated in a camp near Cairo were not allowed into the city itself in shorts while on leave, yet brawny Scotsmen, whose kilts served to display just as good a selection of ugly knees as any other crowd of soldiers, had full liberty to appear in their national dress."

Not quite so much of the "brawny Scotsmen" please. Let me put on the soft pedal by stating that the War Office figures for all Scottish regiments show 10,880 Scots, 6,777 English, 510 Irish and 430 others. Several Scottish regiments have more Englishmen than Scotsmen.

I am, etc.,
ENGLISHMAN.

Shanghai, May 30, 1928.

No captures of rubber smugglers were reported by the F.M.S. Preventive Fleet to the Customs authorities last week.

## JUDGE'S REBUKE.

### AN INDIAN BEFORE MR. JACKS.

NO MONEY FOR SOLICITOR.

Kunda Singh was rebuked by Mr. Justice P. Jacks (Puisne Judge) in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, towards the end of a case in which he sued his former employers, the Shanghai Co. of No. 226, Des Voeux-road Central, for $25 wages and $25 in lieu of notice.

Mr. W. D. Owen defended.

The assistant manager gave evidence of plaintiff's absence, that plaintiff was paid, that a month's notice was given, and that plaintiff left before the notice expired.

An Indian and a Chinese also gave evidence for the defence. Plaintiff was excited when he cross-examined them and accused them of lying.

When plaintiff said that if he had had money to engage a solicitor, the result might have been different, His Lordship pointed out the time he had spent on the case, and the special precaution he invariably exercised when one side was legally represented and the other was not.

## LOVE AND ILLNESS.

### WHEN A MAN IS BOUND TO MARRY.

BREACH LAW.

Mr. Justice eActon explained to a King's Bench Jury that to obtain damages for breach of promise a woman must be able to prove that she was fit to marry. He continued:

But there is no reason why a man should not be bound to marry a deaf mute, an incurable cripple, or a confirmed invalid, provided that he knew of her affliction at the time he gave her his promise, and that she agreed, notwithstanding her disability.

Such cases are not uncommon. Whether it is wise or discreet that these marriages should take place, if the promise is made it is binding. Some of the most unselfish agreements to marry are made under conditions where the love one human being has for another is such as to induce him to enter the contract in spite of the physical infirmities of the other.

The case was that in which Miss Minnie Rosenberg, a cashier, of Croydon-road, Beckenham, Kent, claimed damages for breach of promise from Mr. Harry James, departmental manager to a London firm of woollen merchants, who lives with his parents at Birkbeck-road, Beckenham.

The parties became engaged in May 1925. Early last year Miss Rosenberg entered a sanatorium as she had been told she was suffering from tuberculosis. While she was there Mr. James wrote that his feelings had changed and that it was better that they should not marry. He said his real reason was that Miss Rosenberg's health had become worse and she was unfit to marry.

The jury found for Miss Rosenberg and awarded her £35 damages. Judgment was entered accordingly.

**Break Morally Right.**

Mr. Justice Acton's opinion elicited conflicting views. Among those expressed to a "Daily Mail" reporter were:

Lady Norah Spencer-Churchill (sister of the Duke of Marlborough.)—I do not agree. The consequences might be very serious. A man might get engaged thinking that the woman might get better. Whatever the law may be on the point, I think a man is morally right in breaking off such an engagement even at the last moment if he changes his mind.

Sir William Arbuthnot Lane (the distinguished surgeon). — The judge's statement is common sense. I do not see why such a contract should be regarded differently from any other business contract. A promise to marry is more important than anything else because it is for life. But when the man was unaware that his fiancee was suffering from a disease he would be justified in breaking off the engagement. Both the man and the woman should have a certificate of health before marrying.

## DISASTROUS FIRE.

### 20,000 PEOPLE RENDERED HOMELESS.

Madras, May 15.

Three thousand houses were gutted and 20,000 people of all classes rendered homeless as the result of a disastrous fire yesterday at Ellore. The cause of the outbreak is not known.

Helped by the rising breeze, the fire spread rapidly.

It was found difficult to cope with the fire, which spread over a large area.

Considerable damage was done. Two persons are reported dead, but the official estimate is not known.

## WORRYING CAREER.

### THE MAN WHO DOES IT FOR THE KING.

HOW IT IS DONE.

A coronation could be arranged by almost anybody given a little time and a lot of help. A brilliant court reception, ostrich plumes and all, would be similarly simple. But arranging wedding presents, or seeing that trunks get to the proper place at the proper time, is something else. "Anybody who has tried to travel from Baltimore to New York, say, with a small trunk and two suit-cases, knows the frightful chances of something going astray, or at least not turning up for hours," laments Stuart Gibson, reviewing, in the Baltimore Sun, "By the Clock of St. James" (Dutton), by Percy Armytage, Gentleman Usher to the King of England. When it comes to worrying on a large scale, Mr. Stuart opines, the English royal family must give thanks for Mr. Armytage. As for undelivered orders, punctured tyres, broken appointments, and crowded barber-shops, we read on:

We've come to accept that as part of dwelling in this vale of tears. And we've come to stare in amazement at photographs of the million and one pageants which are staged in official London, and wonder how the dickens they are made to go.

The answer is Percy Armytage, C. V. O. Mr. Milne must have been all wrong when he told of the circumstances surrounding the King's obtaining of a little bit of butter for the royal slice of bread. Mr. Milne was joshing us. Actually the King wouldn't have told the Queen; he'd have spoken to Percy Armytage, and Mr. Armytage would have gone to the cow in person. And one may be sure that in the classic episode of the blackbird, which snipped off the nose of the maid, it wouldn't have happened if Mr. Armytage had been around. He must have been off in Scotland attending to a royal shooting match or something. The man is like that; he's almost a fabulous legend, though he still lives. He's the official worrier and arranger to the Court of St. James's.

In practically everything the court does, or has done since 1903 Mr. Armytage has had a hand. Funerals, christenings, weddings, parades, levees, garden parties, royal visitors—they all are grist to his mill. One fancies that the King, about to start his regal ride to open Parliament sighs with relief when he knows that Armytage is about. Then no matter what contingency arises, it will already have been prepared for and taken care of.

Mr. Armytage, old as it seems, was not always a gentleman usher. He was born in 1853; and when it came time for him to choose a career he had no taste for either the Army or the Navy—and he seemed fitted for nothing. But, we are told, as we come to the solution of this problem:

He had a remarkable ability for organizing, and thus it came about that he became England's first professional master of ceremonies. He arranged things for a fee. And soon it became as essential to have Armytage as one's arranger as to have the decorations correct. His first activity in connection with the court came during Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887, when he aided in arranging a demonstration of 27,000 school children in Hyde Park.

Armytage, this remarkable man, who began his career privately and in a few years found that royalty itself was turning to him whenever there was a particularly big job of organizing to be done, at last gave King Edward the conviction that such a fellow should be a member of the royal household. It was in June, 1903, that this decision was made, and Armytage was appointed a Gentleman Usher and at the same time given charge of all the housing arrangements for the visit of President Loubet of France.

**Cows and Wells.**

That task, however, was a minor one to some he has supervised. For instance, a group of Indian princes arrives in London to be present at the coronation of King Edward. What a situation! They must have quarters where it will be possible to keep a cow, and there must be a well on the premises, for they cannot drink water which has passed through pipes. Did it faze Armytage? No more than did the situation which came about in 1912, during the peace conferences in London, when it was necessary to avoid placing Turkey in a certain position at the tables and the matter was attended to by juggling the alphabet a trifle and placing the chairman at the centre of the table instead of at the end. Such details as that are merely a passing matter. When it comes to handling the arrangements for a royal visit or a State visit, then things grow a trifle more complicated.

There is for instance, luggage. The present writer recalls a little jaunt by taxicab, boat, and execrable train to a seaside resort with one wife, one baby, one baby carriage, two satchels, a trunk, and a vacuum bottle filled with milk. The journey resulted in one bruised wife, one angry baby, one smashed baby carriage, one broken vacuum bottle, one missing trunk strap and a nervous disorder, from which the present writer probably never will recover altogether.

Think, then, of sitting in Lor and arranging the transportation of the baggage of the President of France and an enormous suite from Paris to Calais, to Dover, to London, to a half-dozen hotels and palaces, all in time for instant changes of clothing on the part of every member of the suite and the President himself, so that the official calls could be made within the time etiquette provided. Armytage did it. And by long range. The luggage was collected, made the trip safely, was sorted on arrival, and when each of the fifty or so travellers reached his own quarters he found his own bags there, with their contents laid out ready for him and the valets not even out of breath. It's things like that which have made Armytage fabulous.

## SHOULD BE ABLE TO

### MR. LO ON A WITNESS'S ANSWERS.

PRESS CENSORSHIP CASE.

Further duels between Mr. M. K. Lo (for the defence) and Mr. Lau Sheuk-chong (a Crown witness) figured in yesterday's continued hearing of the Press censorship prosecution of the "Hong Kong Shun Po."

The witness is employed in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and is one of the censors of local vernacular papers.

In the course of lengthy cross-examination, Mr. Lo said to Lt.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O. (the Magistrate):—"I don't know whether your Worship, on this censor's evidence, is prepared to find us guilty of fraud, etc. We frankly said that as regards some of the stuff it was not officially censored but, we submit, the slogans (complained of) were passed and actually censored."

At another stage, Mr. Lo said:—"The witness should be able to answer the question without your assistance; Mr. Fitzroy," Mr. Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney-General) being the prosecutor.

Nearly the whole of the afternoon was occupied in cross-examination and re-examination. A district watchman who called on the "Shun Po's" premises also gave evidence and the case was adjourned till Monday afternoon.

## WOMAN'S CLAIM.

### £30,000 WAITING FOR SOMEONE.

The romance of a fortune lies behind an advertisement which appeared in a shipping paper in mail week offering a reward for records of the passengers and crew of the barque "Salem," which traded between Liverpool, Belfast, and New York in the years 1841 to 1844, or for the name and address of the custodian of such records.

It appears that Mrs. Ellen Howell, who is 81 and who lives in a Somerset vilage, will claim about £31,000 if the necessary information can be obtained.

The story concerns one John Seymor, of whom, if he were now alive, Mrs. Howell would be a cousin. He was the grandson of George Scymor, who was married to Grace Stevens at Shipham parish church, Somerset, on June 21, 1792. About 1840 a once-thriving mining industry in the Mendip Hills began to wane, and some years later the mines were closed. John Seymor would then have been a young man and a possible victim of unemployment. In November 1843 there was recorded as landing at New York a John Seymor. He became an American citizen, made a fortune, and married Catherine Goodwin, by whom he had one daughter, May Unice, who married a man named Reed. John Seymor died in 1882, but whether he left his money to his daughter is not known.

**Records Searched.**

Recently the American courts ordered advertisements to be placed in the English newspapers calling for the next-of-kin according to English law of John Seymor, and stating that he was thought to have come from Somerset.

Messrs. Burbidge, of 41, Corn-street, Bristol, solicitors for the claimant, have made exhaustive inquiries, tracing back parish records of the Seymor family to 1742. What is now required is any handwriting or other evidence by which the John Seymor in question can be identified as the John Seymor who went to New York from Liverpool by the barque "Salem" and arrived there in November 1943.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Some plaice caught by a North Sea trawler and bought at Lowestoft has been sent in cold storage to Melbourne, Australia.

Hampstead has successfully objected to the erection of a block of flats near Jack Straw's Castle, on the highest point of its heath.

Two well-known French airmen and a famous lawn tennis player are stated to have started kennels for greyhound racing in Paris.

Mr. Alvin W. Krech, international banker and chairman of the Equitable Trust Company of New York, died suddenly in his office.

Mr. H. J. Duggan, son of the Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston, was adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for East Ham South.

The Home Secretary has made an order increasing the number of wards in Woolwich from 11 to 14, and the number of councillors from 36 to 45.

Trent Fishery Board has been notified of the presence of thousands of dead and dying fish in the River Penk, near Penkridge, Staffordshire.

Creditors of the Franco-Chinese Trading Co., Ltd. are requested to state their claims before July 31, according to an advertisement published to-day.

The mill strike situation in the central area of Bombay remains unchanged, as those anxious to resume work dare not defy the strikers' pickets.

Several hundred packing-case workers employed by the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester, struck work because workers were discharged owing to trade depression.

Contracts for three bridges—one for India and two for South America — havé, says "Modern Transport," been awarded to P. and W. MacLellan, Ltd., of Glasgow.

Ungku Abdul Majid bin Ali and Ungku Abdullah bin Omar, Assistant Commissioners of Police, Johore, have been dismissed the Force by His Highness the Sultan of Johore.

Mr. Vernon Frederick Palmer, aged 24, of Carshalton-road, Sutton, Surrey, died in Sutton Hospital from injuries received in a collision with a newsagent's motor-van while motor-cycling.

Sunderland Labour Party has expelled two town councillors, Messrs. W. Bowey and T. Thurlbeck, because of their alleged Socialist and Communist activities respectively.

At a sale of old Worcester porcelain, which realised more than £3,000 at Messrs. Christie's, a teapot and cover, painted with Watteau figures by Donaldson, fetched £194 5s.

Lammert Bros. are holding two auctions on Monday next, one at 16, Connaught-road Central (office furniture, etc) and the other at their Sales Room, Duddell-street (miscellaneous). Particulars in advertising columns.

Sympathisers with Miss Violet Douglas-Pennant, who was dismissed from her position as commandant of the Women's Royal Air Force in 1918, are organising a petition to the House of Lords for a reconsideration of her case.

Mr. Mortimer, secretary of the Printers' Pension Corporation, was, at a luncheon at the House of Commons, presented with a cheque by Lord Riddell, on behalf of subscribers, to mark his completion of 30 years' work as secretary.

Lieut. F. C. M. Chauncy, a young officer of the Royal West Kents, was found shot in Fort Albert, Alderney, where the 2nd Battalion has been stationed for a month, and a verdict of Suicide during Temporary Insanity was returned at the inquest.

Knutsford Council, Cheshire, have been notified by the Prison Commissioners that they have decided to discontinue the use of the county gaol at Knutsford and to offer it to the county council, the prison having been empty for some years and parts used as temporary flats.

The police reports show a remarkable dearth in crime during the past 48 hours, says a Shanghai contemporary of the 2nd inst. On Thursday a single armed robbery was reported, and with the exception of the attempt of a Russian to commit suicide by jumping from a drying stage, nothing of interest is to hand.

The eastern end of Kennedy-road will be closed to traffic as from to-morrow.

The Congregation of Oxford University has rejected both schemes for the extension of the Bodleian Library.

The King invested the Duke of Abercorn and Lord Desborough with the Order of the Garter at Buckingham Palace.

Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane gave one of his New Health Society lectures to an audience of business men at the Prince's Club, Muswell Hill, N.

Mr. F. J. Hill, managing director of Messrs. Huttenbach, Lazarus Sons, Ltd., has gone to Singapore on a business visit, says the "Straits Echo."

The thrift sale of the Woman's Auxiliary of Community Church, Shanghai, last week netted sufficient to enable the auxiliary to make an additional gift of $300 to the church building fund, making a total of $1,000 for this purpose since January 1.

Countess Constance Hillyar de Caen, one of the few remaining countesses of Republican France, who is paying the United States a visit in the interest of the Indian tribes who sacrificed their sons in the World War. This is the Countess' sixth visit to America to bring messages intrusted to her by American boys while she was serving as a Red Cross nurse during the war. She is known as the "Little Mother of the American Aviators," for she did most of her work at Tours among the boys of the aviation branch.

The Latvian authorities have informed the British Legation at Riga of their willingness to reduce the charge for a sojourn visa to British subjects in the capital from the present figure of 50s. to 2s. yearly.

Mr. Harry Snell, the bachelor Socialist M.P. for East Woolwich, has introduced a Bill into Parliament to provide for courts of domestic relations, to deal with matrimonial cases of the poor and to relieve the police courts.

At a Matriculation Examination of the London University held in Hong Kong in January 1928 the following candidates passed and were placed in the Second Division:—Sheila Rosemary Whitley and Mary Dixon Oliver (Central British School).

Members (and friends of members) of St. Peter's Church Y.M. Club are again reminded that commencing to-morrow the s.s. "Man Tat" will leave Blake Pier at 4 p.m. every Saturday for a three-hour bathing picnic. The charge is 50 cents (refreshments excluded).

Tokyo, Yesterday.—The Government has instructed the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow and the Consul-General in Habarovsk to file protests against a Soviet breach of the memorandum attached to the recently concluded Fishery Convention, owing to certain fishing operations.—Reuter.

Mr. H. S. Williams of the Methodist Mission at Kalgan has arrived in Peking. He reports the situation at Kalgan is quiet. The Fengtien troops have left the section but the Shansi troops have not entered and there has been no fighting. The ordinary passenger trains between Kalgan and Peking have stopped running and Mr. Williams made the first lap of his journey from Kalgan on his bicycle for 30 miles to the station of Shahaoyuen where he boarded a troop train without any difficulty. The soldiers accorded him every courtesy and were quite friendly. There is no anti-foreign feeling up Kalgan way at all, according to the reports of Mr. Williams. There are only two foreigners in the section at present, one remaining in the Salt Gabelle and Mrs. F. A. Larson, who has charge of the Girls' School in the Mission.

Lord Burghley, son and heir of the Marquis of Exeter, who is 23, is a new magistrate for the liberty or county of Peterborough.

Three men were killed and several injured in an attempt to round up convicts who escaped from Akalkot Prison, Sholapur, India.

At Messrs. Christie's a meadow scene by Corot sold for £892 10s., and Sargent's "Vespers," exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1910, for £882.

The 16th Exhibition of International Art was formally opened at Venice in the presence of the Duke of Bergamo, who represented the King of Italy.

The Prince of Wales, who was not recognised, spent an hour at the new Mme. Tussaud's, Marylebone-road, N.W., and visited the Chamber of Horrors.

George Thomas, aged 12, swam against a very strong current and rescued his sheepdog, which was trapped tightly against the bank of the river at Abergavenny.

Police accompanied a funeral at Grimsby of the wife and infant daughter of a timber yard worker named Hutton, owing to a hostile demonstration against him.

The views of royal palaces on the walls of the apartment containing the Queen's Doll's House at Windsor Castle have been painted by Mr. Philip Connard, R.A.

"The girls are every bit as bad as the boys; I am not sure they are not worse," said Mr. Justice Humphreys at Leeds in a case of alleged offences against a girl of 15.

Messrs. Workman, Clark (1928), Ltd., Belfast, the newly established firm, are to build for Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., Liverpool, a 15,000-tons passenger and cargo ship.

The Chinese press says that orders are soon to be issued by the Nationalist Ministry of Interior making it compulsory for officials to undergo a period of training in Chinese boxing.

The King and Queen and Princess Mary inspected, at the galleries of Messrs. Spink and Son, Ltd., King-street, St. James's, S.W., the 200 Nelson relics lent in aid of the "Save the Victory Fund."

Medical evidence at an inquest at Wallasey, Cheshire, on the skeleton found in the sands at New Brighton was that it was that of a boy, aged 7 to 9, which had possibly lain in the sands 20 or 25 years.

Mr. W. G. Ballinger, secretary of the Motherwell Trade and Labour Council, has been nominated to act as adviser to the Industrial Commercial Workers' Union, a South African native labour organisation.

"My own mother died in childbirth," said Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, at Leeds, referring to his appointment of a committee to find means to reduce the high rate of maternal mortality.

From June 1 the four group railway companies and the Metropolitan Railway will sell cloak-room tickets in advance to commercial travellers at 5s. per book of 30, to enable them to deposit their luggage.

The Hon. Mr. H. Fairburn, Inspector-General of Police, Straits Settlements, arrived in Penang from Singapore. He is one of the members of the Singapore teams to compete in the forthcoming Polo Government.

The baccalaureate service of the Shanghai American School will be held in Community Church on Sunday, June 10, when the Rev. E. McNeill Poteat, Jr., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the school.

Major F. Lee Spratt, who has been in charge of the Soldiers' Christian Association, Shanghai, during the past 14 months, is proceeding Home on leave. During his absence Col. Rice will have oversight of the work of the association.

The June meeting of the Shanghai Missionary Association was held on Tuesday, June 5, at St. John's University. At the social hour the ladies of the American Church Mission were hostesses. At 6 p.m. there was a business meeting when Dr. E. W. Wallace delivered an address.

Amidst showers of flowers, the burning of incense, sweet music and blowing of conches, the 67th birthday of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated at the poet's Calcutta residence on May 8. A number of distinguished persons, including Dr. Jadunath Narkar, Mr. Ramananda Chatterjee and Mr. Halidas Nag, attended the function.


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The story of the sensational bomb attack at Mukden, causing the death and wounding of Generals and others, is also related skilfully.

The local list of Birthday Honours, the article on how Hong Kong observed King's Birthday and others are among the host of good things in this week's number.

Remember the "Overland China Mail"—the only weekly resume of local and China events in Hong Kong which is illustrated.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

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## OUR SEAMEN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

We only wish that finance would permit us to hold these outings more than twice a week, but as will be seen from our Statement of Accounts we still have to go very cautiously. Also when, as happened during the rush of troops to the Far East, there are occasionally several ships in port with men free to come, we have to consider accommodation and again we cannot do all we should like to do. In addition to finance, the natural limitations of time and space have to be taken into consideration. Needless to say we gladly welcome any friends who would like to give us help in any part of our Social Work.

**Charitable Relief.**

The Chaplain during the year was able to pass on the Secretaryship of the General Charities Organisation to Captain Baylis, Superintendent of the Sailors' Home, West Point. The G. C. O. has been re-organised in a manner long advocated by the Chaplain but though notices frequently appear in the local Press of this very necessary Organisation, its existence is as frequently overlooked. Persons soliciting assistance get round the offices with a plausible and apparently quite genuine story, but the point lies not so much in what they say as in what they do not say. No one likes to turn down a call for help, and there are unfortunately people who know this and trade on it. The G. C. O. keeps in touch with the various organisations in the Colony which give relief and very often men begging round the offices only do that because they realise that the various relieving authorities already know too much about them. Such folk should be given a chit to Captain Baylis. The chances are that the chit will never be delivered. A few years ago a man was given five chits in one morning for the Chaplain when he was Secretary of the G. C. O. Only one reached its destination, and that had been handed on by the original beggar to another "destitute" "working" on the same lines.

**Finance.**

The Statement of Accounts at the end of this Report will give some indication of the financial position of the Missions to Seamen in Hong Kong. It will be seen that we are still burdened by a heavy overdraft at the Bank, and the interest on that added to the interest on the Mortgage of the Seamen's Institute and also on a loan of some $5,000, both in connection with the Praya East Reclamation Scheme, forms an incubus on the General Fund of which we should be glad to be rid. The work on the Reclamation still drags on, and there seems no sign of any building being possible for some considerable time. On the other hand our Income shows a distinct increase, for not only have we been able to pay off certain moneys owing, but have actually been able to reduce the Overdraft on the Current Account by some $2,000. That this is in part due to the repayment of that amount invested in H. K. Govt. 6 per cent. War Loan is true, but the real cause is the far larger sum paid in from the Seamen's Institute Working Account. As we have already mentioned the past year has been a prosperous one in the Institute, and $5,698 more was paid in this past year than in 1928. This does not of course relieve us of anxiety, and we urgently request any who have an interest in the welfare of the seafaring classes ashore and afloat especially in this port of Hong Kong to "lend us a hand." Any subscriptions or donations, however small, are most welcome. Meanwhile we sincerely thank all those who by their generosity and assistance have enabled us to keep going.

**The Future.**

Negotiations of a very important nature are at present in progress which if completed will we believe place Hong Kong well in the forefront of the ports at which special care is taken for the well-being of seafarers of every rank. It is yet too early to give any details of the scheme, but we can assure those interested that our first aim is to attain the ideal "Nothing but the best for the Sailorman." Suffice it to say we would ask our friends to assist us with their prayers that God will so direct us that nought but good may come.

***Other Ports.***

We understand that at Kobe so successful has been the work of the Rev. F. E. and Mrs. Watts, that it has been found necessary to rent larger premises, and that the move will take place in the near future. Both Naval and Merchant Service men speak in the highest terms of the Kobe branch. During the visit of some of H.M. Ships to that port, Mr. and Mrs. Watts turned out of their own quarters and lived in a minimum of space in order to provide more sleeping accommodation for ratings on shore leave. The Rev. T. Ward Hall in Shanghai is at present faced with the fact that in a road-broadening scheme some of the intended area is great difficulty in finding another suitable site. Otherwise in spite of all the troubles in that part of the World the Missions to Seamen work goes on apace. In Singapore the Rev. G. G. Elliot, using as his base the Sailors' Institute, which is not controlled by the Missions to Seamen, is forging his link in the chain of the Society's Stations round the World, and in spite of the trying climate and the difficulties incidental to the port with its never stopping and ever changing procession of ships is doing excellent work. Thus again we have no cause to take a pessimistic view of the future. Everything in the past, however dark at times the outlook has appeared, goes to remind us of the "silver lining to every cloud," and to bid us "Look onward and upward." In the past few years a very great change has come over the men of the Mercantile Marine, no less than over the members of the other great Sea Service. The bad old days are practically a thing of the past. Quick communication and speeding transport are bringing seafarers closer to shore-folk than has been the case since the first adventurers set forth into the void with never an idea of when if ever they would return; and with that closer connection has come the keener desire and need for such things as shore-folk have, and not only for those things that made for the welfare of the body, but also for the things that concern the immortal soul. Last year a Call was made to the Church at Home on behalf of "Our Own People Overseas," that in all the Church's plans, the claims of her sons abroad should not be forgotten. For 70 old years the Missions to Seamen has been trying to supply the needs of the Church's sons afloat, and in last year's appeal at Home this was again brought forward. We trust that by the grace of God the call will be heard, and through our Society, which carries the Church's Message to her Sailor Sons, the links that bind us all into one family will be more and more strongly forged, "till time and space shall be no more."

## THE MAIL BOAT.

**KEEPING THE POST OPEN LATER.**

**CHAMBER SUGGESTION.**

At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce last month, Mr. P. W. Massey suggested that it would be a convenience to firms and private individuals if mails for a steamer leaving Hong Kong at daybreak could be kept open later than 5 p.m. on the day before, which is the closing hour at present. In conveying this proposal to the Government the Chamber suggested that an extension until 7 p.m. might be possible.

The Colonial Secretary replied on May 16 as follows:—

"The Postmaster General points out that, if the full facilities asked for were provided, it would involve retaining a large proportion of his staff (both shore staff and floating staff) on duty until 8 or 9 o'clock at night almost daily as it is an almost daily occurrence for some steamer to clear in the early morning with mails.

"He does not think this could be justified by the actual traffic in many cases and suggests that, in any case, it would suffice to allow up to 6 p.m. to close the mails.

"He proposes accordingly to arrange for an extension of time up to 6 p.m. in the case of the more important mails for Shanghai and London and to observe to what extent the public make use of the increased facilities.

"This extension could not be made to apply to registered letters or to parcels, in respect of which the time for closing would remain as at present; that is to say, in the case of a mail now advertised to close at 5 p.m. and henceforward to be closed at 6 p.m. the time for registered letters or parcels would continue to be 4.45 p.m."

The Chamber, writing on June 2, thanked the Government for the additional postal facilities promised, agreeing that a concession of one hour would be adequate to test public demand for later closing hours at the Post Office.

The new arrangement comes into operation forthwith.

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Madras, May 14.—Dr. Rabindranath Tagore has postponed his departure for England on account of health. He proposes to stay in Madras for a few days, then to proceed to some hill station, and will sail for Europe probably next month. Mr. C. F. Andrews is accompanying him on the present tour. Dr. Tagore told a Press representative that the question of his delivering the Hibbert lectures in England this year would entirely depend on the state of his health.

## THEFT FROM YACHTS

**THREE CHINESE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.**

**GOODS RECOVERED.**

Charges of larceny of two canvas awnings and a spinnaker, one canvas and 18 fathoms of Manila rope, from the yacht Y. 3; 20 fathoms of rope, one sail and sail cover, one lamp and one spinnaker from the yacht "Gael;" and 20 fathoms of rope, one lamp, one sail and one jib sail from the yacht "Lola," were brought against two boatmen and a youth before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The value of the articles was estimated as $380. The yachts were moored alongside each other at Causeway Bay typhoon shelter, and between 2 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. on Wednesday the articles were stolen. The defendants were arrested in sampans, and later in the day the articles were recovered in Wanchai and Aberdeen.

The first defendant being much younger than the other two, was given the option of a fine of $50 or six weeks' hard labour, while the other two were each sentenced to two months' hard labour.

## CAPT. SALVATION.

**GRIPPING SEA STORY AT THE QUEEN'S.**

"Captain Salvation," showing at the Queen's Theatre until tomorrow, is a splendid picture of the sea, featuring Lars Hanson, Marceline Day, Pauline Stark and Ernest Torrance. The story has to do with the late forties in regard to time and the Boston coast in regard to place. Here the New England spirit is rampant, and we see throughout the film Anson Campbell, trained for the ministry but with the sea in his blood, combatting it. He wins through in the end, but only after a long struggle. For the most part we can follow in the wake of the wind ships and enjoy ourselves. There is a love story, of course, for where there are sailors there are always sweethearts and here we see a tense battle between Miss Day as the good little, trusting girl and Miss Starke as a bad lass out of Boston. A cartoon and a pathe pictorial gazette go to make up a good programme.

The Hong Kong Amusements Ltd. are to be congratulated upon their enterprise in screening a number of local "shots," including views of the King's Birthday parade and an amusing picture showing a Chinese medicine quack's efforts to sell his wares.

**BUCK PRIVATES.**

Adapted from a story written by a soldier, dealing with the humorous side of battle-shattered Europe in Wartime, and directed by the man that made "Fast and Furious," one of Reginald Denny's many successes, "Buck Privates" is being screened at the World Theatre for the last time to-day. After the Armistice had been declared, the soldiers forsook the battle fields for home, and the picture opens with a scene of the "Yangkees" marching through a German village where they are billeted. Meeting a beautiful German lass, Private Smith and Sergeant Bucks become rivals for her hand. One humorous complication follows another, leading to a thrilling climax—when all ends well in rollicking comedy. Malcom McGregor plays hero, with Lya De Putti opposite him. Sergeant Bucks is well enacted by Eddie Gribbon, and Zasu Pitts, playing the part of maid, lends a hand in many amusing situations.

## AFGHAN VISIT.

**EXPENSES INCURRED WITH PRIVATE MERCHANTS.**

London, May 16.

In the House of Commons, Mr. T. Johnston (Lab. Member, Dunbee) sought information as regards the recent cases in which expenses incurred with private merchants in Great Britain by foreigners enjoying diplomatic privileges had ultimately been met by administrative funds at the disposal of the Foreign Office.

Commander Locker-Lampson replied that no fund at the disposal of the Foreign Office had been expended in the manner suggested.

Mr. Johnston asserted that considerable attention had been given in the "American Press" to detailed statements of King Amanulla's visit.

Commander Locker-Lampson said he did not know what Mr. Johnston meant and promised to look into the matter if Mr. Johnston supplied a specific reference.

In the meantime he repeated that no such funds had been used.

## THEY GO TO BED!

**ACTRESSES—NOW AND THEN.**

**A POPULAR FALLACY.**

Actors and actresses are still quite popularly supposed to be people who hate going to bed. The idea persists that when the play is over they go off to rowdy parties or to furtive night clubs and there proceed to drink more champagne than is good for them.

On the whole, this is fiction. There are some well-known gadabouts of the stage, and theatrical parties are not uncommon, but the majority of actors and actresses realise it is essential that they take care of themselves and I have never been to a theatrical party which a bishop might not have attended.

Actresses of the standing of Miss Edith Day and Miss Evelyn Laye, who are paid about £250 a week and whose livelihood depends upon their keeping fresh and fit, are seldom seen at midnight functions. Miss Day has been in some very long runs and is credited with being one of the most well-to-do of musical comedy stars. That she continues to shine brightly is at least partly due to the fact that she does not burn the candle at both ends.

Leading women of musical comedy have only a certain period of sunshine in which to make hay. Miss Lily Elsie told me after her recent come-back that she would never again take a part which called for modern stage dancing. There is always a shortage of such stars, and while the salaries they received may seem to be extravagant and the money they earn from gramophone records—it runs into many hundreds of pounds a month in certain cases—is very large, the strain on the actress's physique must be taken into business account.

Besides, the demands made on a star's financial sympathies are endless. "You would be amazed if you knew how often I am asked for the 'loan' of £50 or £100," one once told me. "People who criticise us seem to forget how utterly dependent we are upon freedom from illness and accident," an actor said to me the other day. "If I broke my leg in crossing the street or became cut about the face in a motor accident, it is quite possible that I should be finished for stage work. In our way we have to live as carefully as do athletes."

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Scores of actresses—very likely hundreds—have put themselves on the fashionable diet of cutlets and pineapple in the cause of bodily slimness.

There is a revue dancer in London who has an hour's complete massage every day. The last time I wanted to have a word with Miss Gertrude Lawrence I had to wait till she had got her afternoon "nap" over.

If you go to supper with Miss Sybil Thorndike you will find that cocoa is her staple midnight drink; if you have a meal with Alice Delysia you will find that she will drink nothing but water or a little red wine. "Red wine is the best thing in the world for the complexion, spirits the worst," she says.

Ginger ale is the only thing you can get Mr. William Mollison to drink when he has a new production in hand. Practically every morning of his life Mr. Tom Walls is up with the lark and out with his horses. Mr. Joseph Coyne constantly goes for long walks in the park, Miss Edna Best swims and sits for hours watching cricket. You very seldom see Mr. Frederick Lonsdale or Mr. Noel Coward at a theatrical party.

Yes, the times when actors and actresses began their day at midnight have changed. If now and then they do have the zest to dance till 4 a.m. it is because they are not jaded and are in a physical condition to stand an occasional "night out."—"Daily Mail."

## VERY GLOOMY DEAN.

**BIRTH CONTROL LAMENT TO EUGENIC SOCIETY.**

"Don't, for the sake of a motor-car, deprive yourselves and the country of children," said Dean Inge, addressing the Oxford Eugenic Society.

Dean Inge condemned the "Bungalow" system involving young couples settling down in small houses with no spare bedrooms, thus ensuring that they would have no children, with the result that the feeble-minded were increasing, though the upper middle-class were the cream of the community.

The "Daily News" comments that the goal of the Dean's ambition is apparently to have England peopled solely by Inges. "In his gloomiest movements he can hardly have conceived a more terrible nightmare," the paper adds.

## *Shadows Before*

**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."**

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Captain Salvation."

To-day World Theatre; "Buck Privates."

To-day Star Theatre; "Forbidden Waters."

June 10—Queen's Theatre; "A Hero For a Night."

June 10—Star Theatre; "Winners of the Wilderness."

June 10— World Theatre; "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut."

**Lammerts' Auctions.**

June 12— At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of Curios, 2.30 p.m.

June 11—At 16, Connaught-rd., Ctl., office furniture at 10 a.m.; and at Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

**Sport.**

June 16—American Mixed Doubles (handicap) tennis tournament, Ladies Recreation Club.

**Meetings.**

June 9—Annual meeting, Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., noon.

June 20—Forty-seventh general meeting of I.-C. S. N. Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder-st., noon.

November 13— Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local exams. at the Hong Kong University.

## MARRIED AGAIN.

**MARGARET BANNERMAN AND COMPANY MANAGER.**

**MR. ANTHONY PRINSEP.**

Melbourne. — Miss Margaret Bannerman, the actress who is starring in "Our Betters" at the new J. C. Williamson Comedy Theatre, was privately married recently to Mr. Anthony Prinsep, the manager of the company.

Those present comprised Dame Nellie Melba and Sir George Tallis, Colonel Stanley Bell, and Mr. J. V. McEacharn.

After the ceremony a luncheon was held at the Hotel Windsor, at which the following were present:—Dame Nellie Melba, Sir George Tallis, Mr. Keith Murdoch, Miss Elizabeth Green, Colonel Stanley Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. James Lindsay, Miss Maidie Hope, Miss Annie Croft, Mr. Percy Hutchinson, Mr. Reginald Sharland, Mr. J. V. McEacharn and Mr. Tom Cocharn.

The ceremony took place at the Registrar's Office, Queen-street, city.

**Cable Congratulations.**

Many cable messages were received by the bride and bridegroom, including congratulations from Sir Arthur Pinero, in whose play "Trelawney of the Wells," Miss Bannerman appeared in the leading part at the Globe Theatre, London.

There were also cables from Julia Neilson and Fred. Terry, E. Temple Thurston, the novelist and playwright, Alfred Savoir, author of "Sexes and Sevens" and "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," and others.

Well known in literary and stage circles, Miss Bannerman was born in Canada, but the whole of her stage career has been in London.

Mr. Prinsep is a son of the late Val Prinsep, the famous Royal Academician. For ten years he has been the lessee and director of the London Globe Theatre, where, for the past five years, Miss Bannerman has appeared under his management in "Our Betters" and other plays.

Mr. Prinsep has been interested in the managerial side of theatrical productions for many years, and with his first wife, Marie Lohr, was the lessee of the Globe Theatre, London. Miss Lohr, who is a London star is the daughter of the late Lewis J. Lohr, formerly of Melbourne. She was born in Australia. Last year she obtained a divorce from Mr. Prinsep. Miss Margaret Bannerman was previously married to Pat Somerset, a favourite London juvenile lead.

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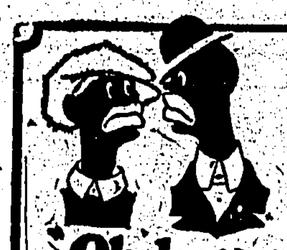
There has been no medical inspection of pupils in Chinese schools, states the 1927 Straits Education Report. Bad housing conditions in overcrowded areas of the towns and the primitive conditions of sanitation in the rural areas eliminate the possibility of satisfactory sanitation in the many small Chinese schools. In Singapore a number of small schools have been induced to move to better quarters and in some cases branch schools started to relieve overcrowding. In Penang all new schools and many of the existing ones have been inspected by officers of the Health Branch whose recommendations have been enforced so far as the financial conditions of the schools permit. The sanitary conditions of the larger public schools are fairly satisfactory.

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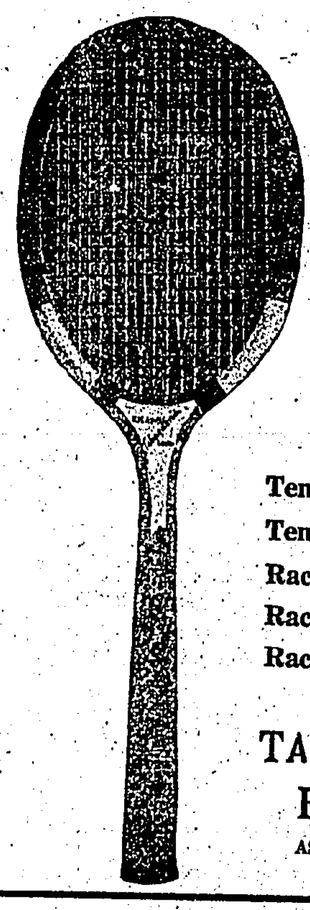
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# Sport Columns

## BOWLS.

ALTERED PROSPECTS FOR TO-MORROW.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

[By "Blue."]

With most of the Clubs behind in their own singles and doubles annual fixtures, and the time for the open Championship having had to be extended, this week has seen most of the greens full. Nothing startling has taken place in the Championship yet except perhaps, the elimination of Lapsley some time ago. The field is so large this year that it would serve no purpose to try and give the names of the last eight.

The question:—when two players decide to play on a green which is neutral to both of them or even only neutral to one of them, it is a gracious act to write to the secretary concerned and ask for a rink, as only last night members of a club at the valley had to sit out and wait, even though they had arranged a match, because a championship game that nobody knew anything about got in before them.

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In the first division Craigengower at home if their form to-date is true, should beat Civil Service and remain at the top of the league. If they go down we shall have to think that their victory over Kowloon Docks was very lucky. Kowloon Docks v. the Bowling Green is anyone's game. It is the sort of game I like to see because the players all know one another and it develops into a friendly hate. Taikoo at home are, I think, too strong for the K.C.C. but their present temporary green may be just as much a handicap to the home team as the visitors.

East Point are almost certain to remain at the top of the table: but I hear that they may not be functioning much longer as on account of the closing down of the Refinery a great number of their players are going home in the immediate future.

Craigengower Seconds are not strong and are up against a much fancied side in Club de Recreio "A" at King's Park. I cannot see them win.

Kowloon Bowling Green and Taikoo Seconds should be a close affair. I do not know the strength of Taikoo but to beat the Bowling Green they must be more than just good.

Civil Service have a very serviceable side and if they keep them together they will not be far from the top at the end of the season. They entertain the Yacht Club and the sailors will find them a hard nut to crack.

**Fixtures.**

To-morrow's fixtures:—

**Division I.**

Craigengower C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Taikoo R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

**Division II.**

Civil Service C.C. v. R.H.K.Y.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
Club de Recreio "A" v. Craigengower C.C.
East Point R.C. v. Club de Recreio "B".

### LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

**Division I.**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Craigengower C.C. | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Kowloon C.C. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kowloon Dock R.C. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Kowloon B.G.C. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Police R.C. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Taikoo R.C. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Civil Service C.C. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

**Shots For and Against.**

| | For | Agst. | Up | Dn. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Craigengower C.C. | 131 | 110 | 21 | 0 |
| Kowloon C.C. | 68 | 51 | 17 | 0 |
| Kowloon D.R.C. | 126 | 116 | 10 | 0 |
| Kowloon B.G.C. | 120 | 121 | 0 | 1 |
| Police R.C. | 117 | 121 | 0 | 4 |
| Taikoo R.C. | 48 | 64 | 0 | 16 |
| Civil Service C.C. | 104 | 131 | 0 | 27 |

**Division II.**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| East Point R.C. | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Taikoo R.C. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Civil Service C.C. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Recreio "A" | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Craigengower C.C. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Recreio "B" | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Kowloon B.G.C. | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Yacht Club | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Kowloon C.C. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

**Shots For and Against.**

| | For | Agst. | Up | Dn. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Recreio "A" | 142 | 112 | 30 | 0 |
| East Point R.C. | 187 | 164 | 28 | 0 |
| Kowloon B.G.C. | 179 | 162 | 17 | 0 |
| Taikoo R.C. | 66 | 49 | 17 | 0 |
| Civil Service C.C. | 64 | 53 | 11 | 0 |
| Recreio "B" | 107 | 117 | 0 | 10 |
| Craigengower C.C. | 101 | 114 | 0 | 13 |
| Yacht Club | 86 | 120 | 0 | 34 |
| Kowloon C.C. | 93 | 134 | 0 | 41 |

## LAWN TENNIS.

RESUMPTION OF LEAGUE AFTER LONG CESSATION.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES.

After a cessation of three Saturdays the resumption of League tennis to-morrow will be keenly looked forward to. Present indications are that the weather is going to keep fine over the week-end and after the heavy rains the courts should be in excellent condition.

A full programme of matches is on the card for to-morrow, the fixtures being:—

**"A" Division.**

M.B.K. v. Craigengower C.C.
Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C.
University v. Hong Kong C.C.

**"B" Division.**

H.K.C.C. v. University.
South China A.A. v. I.R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio.
Craigengower v. Nippon.

**"C" Division.**

Recreio-1 v. R.A.O.C.
H.K.C.C. v. South China A.A.
Filipinos v. C.R.C.-1.
Recreio-2 v. I.R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. C.R.C.-2.
R.A.M.C. v. Nippon.
Kennedy-rd. M.Q. v. Y.M.C.A.
C.S.C.C. v. Kowloon Indian T.C.

### S.C.A.A. WIN.

S.C.A.A. beat Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley in a Division "B" match yesterday, 72 games to 27 Scores:—

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| H. J. Howard and G. Kelly (C.C.C.):— | |
| lost to Luk Kang-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung | 2- 9 |
| lost to Lee Woon-tsoi and Lee Wai-tsoi | 2- 9 |
| lost to Chan So and Ho Wai-hing | 5- 6 |
| | 9-24 |
| A. Hamson and Zimmern (C.C.C.):— | |
| lost to Luk Kang-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung | 2- 9 |
| lost to Lee Woon-tsoi and Lee Wai-tsoi | 3- 8 |
| lost to Chan So and Ho Wai-hing | 1-10 |
| | 6-27 |
| W. J. Howard and G. Lai (C.C.C.):— | |
| lost to Luk Kang-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung | 3- 8 |
| beat Lee Woon-tsoi and Lee Wai-tsoi | 6- 5 |
| lost to Chan So and Ho Wai-hing | 3- 8 |
| | 12-21 |

(Total: Craigengower 27, South China A.A. 72).

## THE DAVIS CUP.

GREAT BRITAIN PLAYING GERMANY.

Birmingham, Yesterday.

Owing to the rain only one of the singles played to-day in the Davis Cup Third Round Competition. E. Higgs (Britain) beat H. Moldenhauer (Germany) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4.—Reuter.

Helen Wills (left), who for the moment has packed up her familiar visor and tennis togs, and Penelope Anderson, of Richmond, Va., the strong American doubles team which will meet tennis stars in England, France and possibly Holland. Miss Wills will also defend her world's title in single play.

## HEENEY'S CHANCE.

TO MEET TUNNEY ON JULY 28.

IN NEW YORK.

New York, Yesterday.

Mr. Tex Rickard has announced that the Tunney and Heeney championship bout will be contested at the Yankee Stadium here on July 28.—Reuter's American Service.

## HIS LAST WISH.

A DESIRE TO RETURN AND HAUNT COURT JUDGES.

ARMED ROBBERS.

"May my ghost come back and haunt you all the days of your life!" and other phrases were hurled at Judge Ziar, Chu, Tsan and Mr. S. L. Burdett, Senior Consul's Deputy, in the Appellate Division of the Provisional Court last week when two prisoners were brought before them to hear the Nanking Government's confirmation of the death scentences passed upon them by the Court of Appeal.

The first accused was charged with having committed an armed robbery on August 20, 1927, at the Dah Yu Foong alley-way, when with others he threw a blanket over the head of a compatriot and used a knife to obtain his loot. The Court of First Instance on November 2 sentenced him to 13 years' imprisonment, and against this sentence the police appealed. On November 30, the Court of Appeal reversed the former judgment and sentenced accused to death. The Provincial Government ordered a rehearing of the case and, on March 21, the original judgment of the Court of Appeal was affirmed.

The second accused was charged with the murder of the wife of a staff inspector of the Shanghai Tramway Co., on March 17 at 1330 Pingliang Road. On October 12, the verdict of the Court of First Instance was life imprisonment. Accused appealed against his sentence and on November 9, the Court of Appeal set aside the previous judgment and ordered that he should receive the death penalty. In March of this year, the Provincial Government ordered a re-trial, and on April 18 the judgment was given confirming the Court of Appeal's verdict.

After accused had heard the decision of the Nanking Government's confirmation of the sentences, they were taken away in the prison van to be handed over to the Chinese authorities for immediate execution.

### THE INTERPORT XI.

The following letter was recently sent to the editor of the "N. C. Daily News":—

Sir,—Will you permit me to offer, through the medium of your columns, hearty congratulations to Captain E.I.M. Barrett, Dr. W. E. O'Hara and Messrs. Walter Wilson and Donald Leach on their excellent selection of the victorious Shanghai eleven? They knew their job, selected the very best material without fear or favour, and thus helped to establish equality in the matter of Interport wins with our Hong Kong friends.

I am etc.,
LONG STOP.

Shanghai, May 30, 1928.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

MUSKETRY AND CAMP PROGRAMMES.

LATEST ORDERS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—

**Lecture.**

Major W. F. Hanna, M.C., will deliver a lecture on the Kirkpatrick Reconnaissance Scheme at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 1928.

**Training.**

Musketry Programme for firing Part II. Table "T" during the autumn issued this day with Corps Orders.

**Arms.**

All rifles will be handed into store immediately for the annual inspection.

O.C. Scottish Company to make special arrangements with the Corps Sergeant-Major.

**Dress.**

In future with the exception of the Band leather belts will not be worn by any W.O. Class II., N.C.O. or man on parade, web belts only will be worn.

**Programmes.**

The following are the provisional arrangements made for firing of Part II. Part "T," and Camp these dates are subject to alteration:

Part II. at Stonecutters.
1928.
Sunday, September 2:
The Battery.
Sunday, September 9:
Engineer Co. and Corps Signals.
Sunday, September 16:
M.I. and Armoured Car Cos.
Sunday, September 23:
Infantry Company.
Sunday, September 30:
Scottish Company.
Sunday, October 7:
Portuguese Company.
Sunday, October 14:
Reserve Company.
Sunday, October 21:
The Battery.
Sunday, October 28:
Engineer Co. and Corps Signals.
Sunday, November 4:
M.I. and Armoured Car Cos.
Sunday, November 11:
Infantry Company.
Sunday, December 16:
Scottish Company.
1929.
Sunday, January 6:
Portuguese Company.
Sunday, January 13:
Reserve Company.
Sunday, January 20:
Casuals.
Annual Camp at Fanling.
1928.
Sundays, November 18 and 25 and December 2 and 9.

**Corps Band.**

All ranks will parade under Bandmaster A. J. M. Rodrigues at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 10, at Kowloon Railway Station for Church Parade with Portuguese Company, vide Corps Order No. 12.

**The Battery.**

Lecture on Theory. This will be given at Corps Headquarters on Thursday at 6 p.m. This is a voluntary parade.

**Mounted Infantry.**

Parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 1928. Plain clothes.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, for M.G. Instruction. Plain clothes.

Field Day. There will be a field day on Sunday, June 24. Parade at the Dragon Garage at 9 a.m. Further details will be given later.

**Motor Cycle Section.**

There will be a meeting in the lecture room at Corps Headquarters on Monday, June 11, at 5.30 p.m.

Every member is particularly requested to attend.

**Infantry Company.**

Recruits will parade on Fridays, June 8 and 15, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters under L/Sergt. Terry. Dress: Mufti, belt and sidearms.

N.C.O.'s Class. There will be a series of N.C.O.'s Classes in the Vickers Machine Gun held during the Summer months every Friday, commencing on Friday, June 15, 1928, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti. All N.C.O.'s and those who wish to qualify for promotion are invited to attend.

**Scottish Company.**

Musketry Part I. All ranks of the Company who are liable to fire Part I. and have not already done so must do so at Taikoo Range on Sunday, June 17, 1928, at 10 a.m. This is the last opportunity.

Range Officer: Capt. K. S. Morrison.

Transport. Motor truck will leave Corps Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. to convey those who are firing to the Range.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, June 15, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, June 16, between 9 and 1 p.m.

Vickers Gun Class of Instruction: Names are still required of those willing to attend above. Will intending participants please advise their Platoon Commanders so that the class can be started without further delay?

**Portuguese Company.**

Lewis Gun. All N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, June 11, at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Church Parade. The Company will hold its first Church Parade on Sunday, June 10 at Kowloon.

The Company will fall in opposite the Kowloon Canton Railway Station at 9 a.m. sharp.

Dress: Helmet, tunic, medals, shorts, putties and hosetops, boots, belt and sidearms.

**Strength.**

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1328 Pte. C. C. Francis, No. 2 Platoon, from June 4, 1928.

No. 1329 Bandsman A. J. M. Rodrigues, Corps Band, from June 4, 1928.

No. 1330 Pte. J. A. E. Kendrew, M.I. Co., from June 5, 1928.

No. 1331 Pte. K. H. Batger, No. 1 Platoon, from June 5, 1928.

No. 1332 Pte. D. J. Robson, No. 7 Platoon, from June 5, 1928.

No. 1333 Bandsman A. Fernandes, Corps Band, from June 5, 1928.

No. 1334 Bandsman G. V. Osmond, Corps Band, from June 5, 1928.

No. 1335 Pte. G. R. Maskell, No. 5 Platoon, from June 6, 1928.

**Appointment.**

No. 1329 Bandsman A. J. M. Rodrigues is promoted W.O. Class I., posted to Corps Headquarters and appointed Bandmaster, as from June 4, 1928.

**Reversion.**

No. 705 L/Sergt. B. S. Rogers, No. 2 Platoon, reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from June 1, 1928.

**Transfers.**

No. 705 Pte. B. S. Rogers from No. 2 Platoon to Motor Cycle Section, Armoured Car Company, as from June 2, 1928.

No. 1060 Pte. W. D. Owen from Armoured Car Company to No. 2 Platoon, as from June 1, 1928.

No. 458 C.S.M. R. H. G. Charles from Mounted Infantry Company to the Reserve Company, and posted to M.I. and A.C. Section, as C.S.M. as from June 7, 1928.

**Struck Off.**

Having purchased discharge, as from May 22, 1928:—No. 1025 Pte. H. Lo, Armoured Car Company.

Having left the Colony, as from June 1, 1928:—No. 1262 Pte. J. Kindness, Armoured Car Company.

## AN ALIBI.

KENNEDY-ROAD INDECENCY CASE.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Evidence in support of an alibi was given on defendant's behalf, at the Magistracy yesterday, in the case in which Chung Yu-fan, a Chinese youth, was charged with committing an offence against public decency on Kennedy-road.

It will be recalled that among the witnesses for the prosecution were two European ladies.

Dr. T. P. Woo, the defendant's family physician, testified to examining the youth. He had ascertained that there was nothing extraordinary about his habits. The offence alleged against him was rare among Chinese of the better class and rarer still in the case of young married people.

Defendant, in the witness-box, said that he assisted his father, Mr. Chung Sik-fan, in his rice business at No. 62, Bonham-strand West. He lived at No. 33, Robinson-road. His wife is the daughter of Mr. Li Sing-kui, chief manager of the Hong Nin Bank. He had two children, a boy and a girl.

**Met by Chance.**

Defendant, his wife and an amah gave evidence of meeting by chance at the junction of Caine and Garden-roads on the evening in question. Defendant could not take his wife home on his motor-cycle as that would have meant the amah walking by herself in the dark. He had parked his machine in a suitable spot and walked along Macdonnell-road with his wife and her amah. After reaching home, he returned for his machine and was eventually taken to the police station.

Both in reply to Mr. F. H. Loseby (defending) and to his Worship (Major C. Willson, O.B.E.), defendant denied having mackintosh overalls which the prosecution allege him to have worn at the time.

He explained to his Worship that when he was a member of the Flying Squad he had leggings issued to him but not overalls.

The case will be continued on Saturday morning.

## LIKE AN HOTEL.

CHICKEN AND PEAS FOR PRISON DINNER.

VARIED MENUS.

Monday midday. A thousand and forty-two guests of the State sit down to dine in the Iowa State Penitentiary. Appetites are a trifle keen, perhaps, but discriminative.

"Bud," says the head waiter kindly, "whaddya fancy to-day? Cast yer peepers over the bill of fare. Say, the beef's prime and the pork can't be beat. Hey both, eh? And spinach, of course?"

They do their prisoners well in Iowa State Penitentiary. Why not? The poor fellows are only there for a time. And they are critical, too. Only the best is good enough for them. Everybody wants them to carry away a good impression when they leave.

The Iowa State Penitentiary menu for the week ending February 18th has been sent to the "Daily Express." Monday's dinner for the happy boys in that gaol during the week was:—

Boiled prime beef in tomato sauce.
Steamed spinach with pork.
Bread.
Steamed potatoes au natural.
Butter.
Baked rice, custard.
Coffee.

Well, who would not be there?

Any one can imagine an Iowa Judge passing sentence.

"Prisoner, you have been found guilty in a heinous crime. The sentence of the court is six months in the State Penitentiary."

"Is there no option, jedge?"

"Yes, one. You have the alternative of doing the same time at one of the leading hotels."

"Then I'll take the penitentiary, jedge."

He would, that. Look at the menu for the whole of Monday:—

Breakfast.—Wheat cakes with syrup; stewed peaches, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—As above.

Supper.—Steamed pinto beans with pork, breaded tomatoes, pan gravy, stewed figs, bread, tea.

**No Cocktails.**

Dinner on Friday is the great thing, though. No fish regime for Friday in the I.S.P. Think of this, ye lags and old timers in Pentonville, or Wormwood Scrubs, or Maidstone:

Chicken.
Fried beefsteak.
Stewed June peas.
Mashed potatoes.
Steak gravy.
Onions.
Bread.
Rice-raisin pudding.
Coffee.

Yet there seems something lacking. Why, of course, no cocktail. That is what comes of getting in goal in a Prohibition country.

But surely the authorities might have added cigars. Iowa needs a prison reform committee. Not a mention is there of cigars or cigarettes in the whole of the twenty-one menus for the week.

How do the poor immured fellows fare for breakfast? Take Thursday's bill:—

Scrambled eggs with bacon.
Steamed potatoes.
Cream gravy.
Stewed prunes.
Bread.
Coffee.

It must give the chefs at the I.S.P. a lot of trouble thinking out variety in the menus. Every list is different. Here are two or three more specimens.

Supper (Thursday).—Hot beef chilli with three crackers (biscuits), minced ham, baked potatoes, pan gravy, stewed peaches, bread, coffee.

Monday's dinner works out at about £33 11s. the lot or 7¾d. a head. The chicken meal is cheaper. It cost the State £25 16s. 8d., or, roughly, 6d. each.

The heaviest "do" as far as cost is concerned was on Saturday, when baked link sausage, steamed green beans with pork, mashed potatoes, pork gravy, three crackers each, stewed peaches, and coffee caused the State to plunge to the extent of nearly £44 altogether, or just over 10d. apiece.

But they made up for it on Saturday night, when the whole supper only cost £3 2s. 6d. It consisted of simply coffee "and miscellaneous articles," worst blow-out by far of the week.

What a bad impression to give new guests, arriving on Saturday night!

In the Oxford Freshmen's match, the Nawab of Patandi played a fighting innings of 70 out of the total of 209, but failed to save McCanlis' side from defeat. A Crawley's XI. winning by an innings and fourteen runs. The Nawab has been selected to play for the University against Kent.

## MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bank, wire | 2/- ¼ |
| Bank, on demand | 2/- 5/16 |
| Bank 30 day's sight | — |
| Bank, 4 months' sight | 2/- ⅛ |
| Credits, 4 months' | |
| Documentary 4 months' sight | 2/1 ¼ |
| sight | 2/1 ⅜ |
| **On Paris—** | |
| On demand | 1257½ |
| Credits, 4 months' sight | 1332½ |
| **On Berlin—** | |
| On demand | — |
| **On New York—** | |
| On demand | 49½ |
| Credits, 60 days' sight | 51⅛ |
| **On Bombay—** | |
| Wire | 135 |
| On demand | 135 |
| **On Calcutta—** | |
| Wire | 135 |
| On demand | 135 |
| **On Singapore—** | |
| On demand | 87½ |
| **On Manila—** | |
| On demand | 99¼ |
| **On Shanghai—** | |
| On demand | 75 |
| 30 day's sight (private paper) | — |
| **On Yokohama—** | |
| On demand | 105 |
| Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) | — |
| Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) | 9.55 |
| Silver (per oz.) | 27 9/16 |
| Bar Silver in Hong Kong | 5% prem. |
| Chinese Copper Cash | nom. |
| Chinese Copper Cents | 5% prem |
| Rate of Native Interest | 7% p.a. |
| Chinese Sub. Coin | 32¾% dis. |
| Hong Kong Sub. Coin | Par. |

### THE SHARE MARKET.

| Stock | Hong Kong. Stock. Exchange. | |
|---|---|---|
| T.T. on London | 2/- ¼ | |
| T.T. on Shanghai | 75 | |
| **Banks.** | | |
| Hongkong Bank | 1290 | s |
| | [1283¾/90 | sa |
| do. Lon. Reg. | £137 | n |
| Chartered Bank | £21⅝ | b |
| Mercantile A. & B. | £35 | n |
| do. C. | £14½ | n |
| P. & O. Bank | £9¾ | n |
| Bank of East Asia | $75 | n |
| **Insurances.** | | |
| Canton Insurance | $620 | n |
| Union Insurance | $326½ | b |
| North China Insurance | T140 | b |
| Yangtze Insurance | $50 | n |
| China Underwriters | $2.80 | b 2½ s |
| | [2.35 | sa |
| China Fire Insurance | $230 | b |
| H.K. Fire Insurance | $740 | s |
| **Shipping.** | | |
| Douglasses | $37 | b |
| H.K. Steamboats | $28¾ | b |
| H.K. Tugs & Lighters | $2¾ | n |
| Indo-Chinas (Pref) | $37 | b |
| do. (Def.) | $60 | b |
| Shell Transports | 96/3 | n |
| Water-boats | $19¾ | b 20¼ s |
| | [20 | sa |
| **Mining.** | | |
| Benguets | $1⅝ | n |
| Kailan Mining Ad. | 58/- | n |
| Langkats (Combined) | T12.20 | n |
| do. (Single) | T5.90 | n |
| Shanghai Explorations | T2.80 | n |
| Shanghai Loans | T3½ | n |
| Raubs | $4 | n |
| Tronoh Mines | 17/6 | n |
| **Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.** | | |
| H.K. & K. Wharves | $130¾ | b |
| | [130½ | sa |
| H.K. & W. Docks | $40½ | b |
| China Providents | $5.60 | s |
| Hongkews | T156 | b |
| New Engineerings | T5 | n |
| Shanghai Docks | T106 | b |
| **Cotton Mills.** | | |
| Ewo Cottons | T8.60 | b |
| Oriental Cottons | T2.20 | n |
| Shai Cottons (Old) | $51½ | n |
| do. (new) | T27¼ | n |
| **Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.** | | |
| H.K. & S. Hotels | $8.90 | b |
| Hongkong Lands | $65½ | b 66 sa |
| Shanghai Lands | T137 | s |
| Humphreys Estates | $14¾ | n |
| Hongkong Realties | $8¼ | s |
| H.K. Territorials | — | |
| Prince's Buildings | — | |
| **Public Utilities.** | | |
| H.K. Tramways | $25.30 | sa |
| Peak Trams (old) | $12¾ | b x div. |
| do. (new) | $8 | n x div. |
| Star Ferries | $64½ | n |
| China Lights (comb.) | — | |
| do. (old) | $11.85 | b |
| | [12/12.10 | sa |
| do. (new) | $11.70 | b |
| do. 1928 issue | $11.60 | b 11.70 sa |
| H.K. Electrics | $71¼ | b 72 s |
| | [70¾ | sa |
| Macao Electrics | $20½ | b |
| H.K. Telephones | $5.10 | n |
| China Borax | $9 | b |
| Singapore Tractions | 9/9 | b |
| **Industrials.** | | |
| Swire Sugars | $3.10 | b |
| Meyer Sugars | $24½ | n |
| Canton Ices | $4 | n |
| Cements (comb.) | $10 | s |
| do. (old) | $9 | s |
| do. (new) | $1¾ | s |
| H.K. Ropes (old) | $7 | s |
| do. (new) | $1.90 | s |
| United Asbestos | $10 | n |
| **Stores, &c.** | | |
| Dairy Farms | $21½ | b 22 sa |
| Watsons | $14 | n |
| Dor A. Wings | $.50 | n |
| Lane, Crawfords | $3¾ | n |
| Mackintoshs | $20 | n |
| Sinceres | $9½ | n |
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London, May 17.

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### DEBUSSY'S 'ODE A LA FRANCE.'

In "Musique" (March 15), Louis Laloy describes the circumstances in which Debussy during 1917 wrote the 'Ode a la France,' a cantata for soprano solo, chorus, and orchestra, of which a full draft (vocal, with pianoforte accompaniment, and notes as to intended orchestral setting) was found among his papers.

In "Excelsior" (March 21), M. Leon Vallas declares that it would be desirable to publish a facsimile of the autograph manuscript, so that all may know exactly how much of the forthcoming orchestral version (carried out by M.-F. Gaillard) was actually thought out by Debussy.

**Alexis De Castillon.**

In the March "Tablettes de la Schola," Pierre de Breville writes in praise of Castillon's unjustly neglected music:—

His 'Psalm 84,' his concertos, his fugues, his Violin Sonata, his Quintet, his Pianoforte Quartet, are works of great artistic value. As for his songs, it is incredible that all tenors should not sing 'Renouveau,' all contraltos 'La Mer,' all mezzos 'Le Bucher' and 'Serenade melancolique,' all baritones 'Le Semeur.'

**A Promising Russian Composer.**

In the course of an article on the younger generation of composers at Leningrad ("Melos," March), Igor Glieböf specially singles out Gabriel Popof (b. 1904), praising his Septet for wind and strings and his Pianoforte Suite.

**Beethoven's Grand Fugue, Op. 133.**

In the March "Musik," Hermann Scherchen submits this work to a very careful and thorough examination, and concludes:—

The performance of the work seems to require more than the physical power of four men. In its original form it should be played only as part of the Quartet, Op. 130, for which it was originally intended; for then the balance of the two parts (of the Quartet as originally devised) creates a different order of strain or tension ('eine andere Art der Spannung ergibt'), that is predetermined by a performance of the fugue alone. The performance of the fugue alone can be successful only if entrusted to a full orchestra of strings—Weingartner's setting being excellent for the purpose.

**The Authorship of an 18th-Century Oratorio.**

In the March "Revue Musicale," G. de Saint-Foix writes:—

In the library of the Florence Conservatorio there is a manuscript score (catalogue No. 261) entitled 'Isaaco, Figura del Redentore, Oratorio in due atti. Del Sigr. W. Mozart.' Its music is beautifully luminous and simple, so that on the face of things the description does not appear altogether incredible. At one time (as recorded by Pohl) it was ascribed to Haydn. Its real author is Josef Mysliweczek (b. 1737, near Prague, d. at Rome, 1781). It was performed in 1777 at Munich, where a manuscript score, probably autographed, is preserved.

**Bruckner's Religious Music.**

In Le Menestrel (February-March), Fritz Munch considers compositions, and comes to the following conclusions:

The Bruckner revival in the composer's own country is not due to a sudden turn of fashion. His music, indeed, closely corresponds to one of the greatest requirements of our time. It embodies a strong reaction against the excessive subjectivism that was the 19th-century's weakness against the materialism that blinded us to the essential reality. It contains all the main elements that seem to influence the outlook of the post-war generations. For all these reasons, Bruckner's voice is well entitled to a hearing.

—M.-D. Calvocoressi.

## MISHAP AT OPERA.

### COLLAPSE OF THE BELLOWS.

"THE RING."

London, May 5.

The burden of the third night of the Wagnerian 'Ring" rests almost wholly on the shoulders of the young hero—the boy Siegfried on whom the hopes of gods and men are set.

At Covent Garden last night this hero of the primeval greenwood, who has to sing for most of the duration of the opera (5 to 11), was Mr. Rudolf Laubenthal. Siegfried is too often a heavy, oafish youth, rather fat than fit. Mr. Laubenthal was lithe and spritely—perhaps a trifle mechanical in his vivacious movements, like one of those persons who in society are conscientiously "bright."

But he was likeable in many ways. Not a great singer; but a cultivated one. An acceptable Siegfried; since the modern world simply does not produce the type of singer Wagner had in mind—namely, a boy of 18 who can sing with the power and musical experience of a robust tenor of 40.

How adroit and cool-headed a performer this Siegfried was could be seen from the way in which he faced one or two little mishaps in the forging scene in Act I. Mishaps were at one time inseparable from Covent Garden "Rings."

Nowadays the machinery usually works well, but last night the bellows collapsed in the forest forge, when the hero was welding the fragments of his father's sword. Mr. Laubenthal carried on unperturbed. Then, when he was hammering the new sword on the anvil, the artificial sparks were produced in almost alarming profusion.

**Glorious Love-Music.**

In the glorious love-music of the last act Siegfried was made to seem almost a great singer by force of the inadequacy of the Brynnhilde. The appearance here of a dozen splendid German singers must not lead us to overrate the generality of German singing. A visit to Bayreuth knocks any such illusion on the head.

The new Brynnhilde, Mme. Ohms, is sympathetic in some ways and has potentialities, but she is not a good singer. She took the bloom from the beauty of the music last night by her uncertain intonation, her slurs and scooping, and a most disagreeable vibrato. She needs a different technique.

The Wotan, Mr. Wilhelm Rode, ended his great part last night with the same suave majesty with which he had begun on Monday. He has been nearly faultless. He has sung for hours, from bottom G to top F, without one hard tone. The new Woodbird, Miss McAfee, sang prettily if a trifle timidly.

There are some admirable artistes in the opera orchestra this year.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

## FLAMING 'PLANES.

### MADE REALISTIC BY SIMPLE INVENTION.

That a new device for making an aerial smoke screen first introduced at an Advance Flying School in Texas may be investigated by the Air Corps of U.S.A. for possible adoption has been intimated in army circles following a demonstration of the new process in connection with the making of the Paramount picture "Wings."

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## ADOLPHE MENJOU.

### SIGNS NEW PARAMOUNT CONTRACT.

Adolphe Menjou has signed a new contract with Paramount Famous Lasky. The announcement was made recently by Jesse L. Lasky, who has just returned from the Hollywood studio.

The star sailed for Europe last week on a vacation, after having made in New York the final scenes for his next picture, a spectacular drama of theatrical life based upon Alfred Savoir's play, "Super of the Gaiety": He is expected to return early in the summer and resume production.

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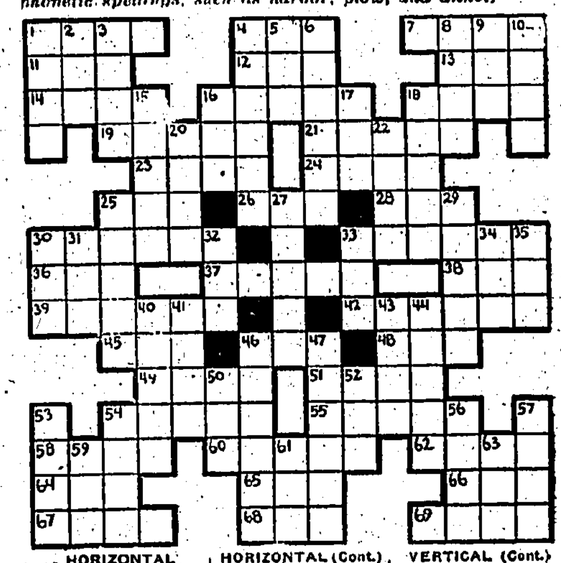
One of the many good things in the playing last night was the mysterious opening of Act II., where we had some admirable phrasing and solemn, smooth tone from the tuba.

—R.C. in "Daily Mail."

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

*(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)*



**HORIZONTAL**
1–A golf term (pl.)
4–A meadow
7–A blessing
11–To mistake
12–A city in E. Wurtemberg, Germany
13–Exist
14–To tear apart
16–The Mohammedan religion
18–An Arabian horse
19–A wooden shoe
21–Praises
23–A blade of a windmill
24–Sparks
25–Own (Scot.)
26–A Brazilian coin
28–A school study (abbr.)
30–What English divine wrote "The Saints' Everlasting Rest"?
33–Shines with fierce intensity
36–Friend (French)
37–Dwelling
38–Combining form. Equal
39–What English chemist originated the atomic theory?
42–Subjects of discourse
45–Part of the head
46–To edge
48–What river flows past Exmouth, S. W. England?

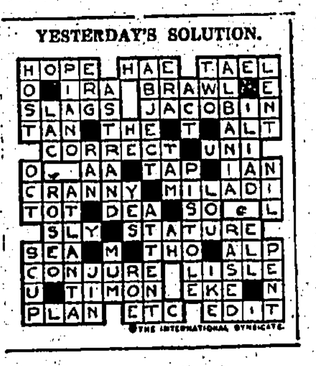
**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
49–Mr. (Anglo-Ind.)
51–Direction (Scot.)
54–The place where a trial is held
55–Nickname for "Lawrence"
58–Greek god of war
60–A British governor of colonial New York
62–One of the continents
64–A Chinese shrub
65–Territory (abbr.)
66–"And so forth"
67–Place of control or responsibility
68–Some
69–Steady going

**VERTICAL**
1–Expression
2–Sooner than
3–Eagles
4–Brilliancy
5–A measure of length
6–A place, popular with tourists, near Naples, Italy
8–Sculls
9–Girl's name
10–From what mountain did Moses see the Promised Land?
15–A small crane on a ship's side
16–A product of electrical decomposition
17–The month of May (German)

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**
18–Girl's name
20–Poison
22–Mountains that separate Europe from Asia
25–Axial
27–To abscond
29–Dirt ground in
30–Wicked
31–A nurse maid in India
32–Hastened
35–To obtain
36–A compass point (abbr.)
38–A distress signal
40–Emaciation
41–A seaport, N. W. Algeria
43–Mr. (German)
44–Additional
46–Who was provisional president of Mexico in 1913?
47–What English knight wrote "Morte d'Arthur"?
50–A conjunction
52–Suffix. Same as "an"
53–Bathroom
54–Immature beef
56–A river in N. W. Belgium
57–Truth
59–A large lake in Central Ireland
61–The monetary unit of the Japanese
63–A noted Japanese statesman

*(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)*

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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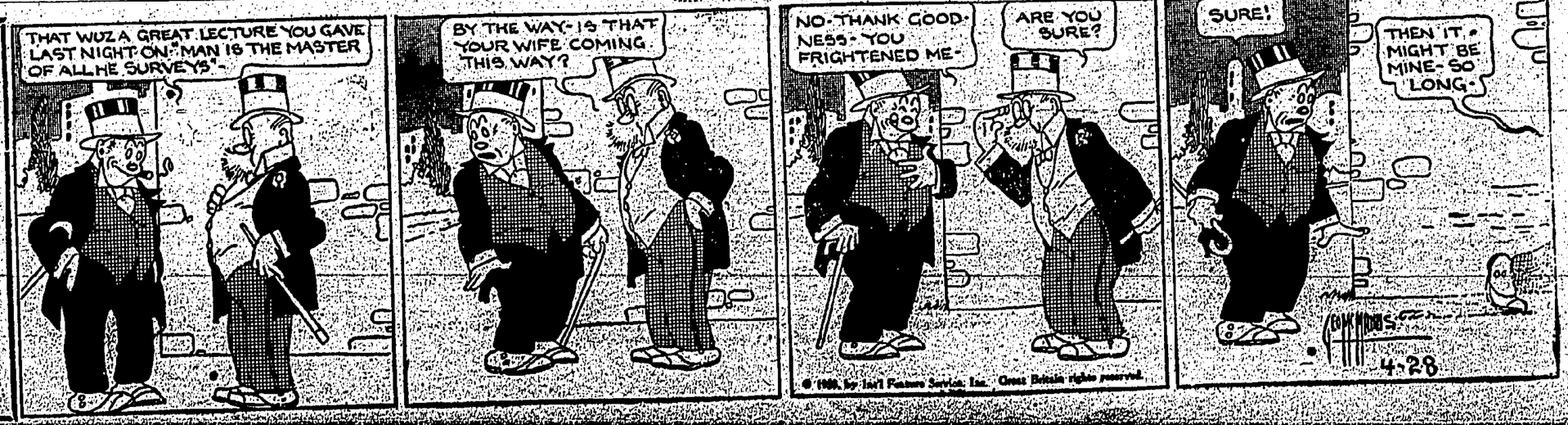

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## WHY CHRIST?

### MODERN VIEWS ON THEOLOGY.

[By T. R. Glover.]

It was in a small English college, where theology is studied along with some other things. There was someone playing the piano in the common-room as I entered. He looked quickly round and stopped playing, and abruptly confronted me with a question. He was an American—a Hicksite Quaker, of the Unitarian school that follows Elias Hicks, who (we are told) once said that Jesus Christ is no more divine than a blade of grass. What the young man said was this: "I can see that we need God, but I don't see where Jesus Christ comes in." It is the position and the question of a good many people recently. They realize that they need God; and there, they say, is God to supply their need, full of love and care and providence; but what has Jesus Christ to do with it?

Are you quite so sure of God as that? Who told you that God is all love and goodness and providence? Some people seem to take it as an axiom that God is love; but I have great sympathy with Bishop Gore when he suggests that it is not an axiom but a problem. Besides, however sure you may be (always or sometimes!) about God's "love"—I put it in inverted commas because I am quoting you as it were, and you have not yet defined very closely what you mean by love—you must realize that life suggests other thoughts about God and His world. It is a hard world; its accidents are bad enough, we might say; but look at the hardness and severity of its laws. If you are quite sure that God is "kind and good and all that sort of thing"—other people think He must be terrribly hard if He is responsible for those laws, let alone the accidents.

**Cold Officialdom.**

Goodness or severity? I have been haunted for some time with the passage in the Romans where St. Paul links them (xi, 22). "Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God." It is difficult to think of these two aspects of God together, to speak of them in the same breath;—yet,—if we are to think aright, we must shirk neither of them; if you think of either apart, in the long run, "that way madness lies." Yet to anyone amenable to what we may call the emotional or spiritual reactions of scientific thought, which are quite real and legitimate, however unspiritual the man of science may be and however unemotional scientific thought ought to be, there is a growing horror in the conception forced upon us of a God who is all law.

The unloveliest type of human mind is the official, for which all human beings are mere cases dealt with in regulations, framed elsewhere, and definitely and irrevocably in print. There is no manner of doubt that to many people, as a result of looking at the world exclusively in the detached and particularist way of the scientific researcher who isolates the aspect of nature which he studies, God is the very embodiment of a cold and inhuman officialism—so much so that He goes beyond the human official in sinking personality; He has none and He recognises none; He is all law and the world is all law; there is no place for mercy in the machine. And human beings with human feelings are caught in the machinery.

**Inexorable Law.**

Even to people who do not approach the question of God in this very limited and dull way, who have a more philosophic conception of God and recognize that if we are to attribute to Him something more than personality as we find it among ourselves, it will, at all events, not be less than personality as we know it (and that is a real danger of thought), the severity of God can become overpowering. Quite apart from the physical laws which the man of science understands, there are spiritual laws, and there are moral laws.

A man who neglects moral law wrecks his life; if he keeps the moral law, and neglects the laws of health, he also wrecks it. Indeed, it may be said that one of the things that have most discredited Christianity is the failure of Christians to recognize in conduct and character, and to emphasise in statement, the utter and unquestionable supremacy of law that any rational conception of the universe and any spiritual conception of God must involve.

Recognize it then, and see where you are. Can you face the inexorableness of physical law, of spiritual law, of moral law, and proceed from your recognition of it to a contemplation of the Author of it all with any peace of mind? The scientist left you with the slim safeguard of a personality that means nothing, that will not endure, that escapes God's notice. The philosopher strips you of that trivial aid to peace. Where are you?

**The Humanity of Jesus.**

Where, indeed, unless you can enlarge your range of experience of God? And it is precisely there that Christ, as you say, "comes in." Our experience of God—is including winter and summer, the singing of the birds, the storm that shipwrecks us, the love of our friends, all varieties of human character. Then can it leave out Christ, and he adequately. Surely he has to be considered. Here, then, are one or two things about him which seem to rest on experience. Whoever he was, and whatever he was, few would contest that he was and remains our clearest thinker. God, the man of men who had the widest range in God, the deepest experience of God; and he tells us that we may count upon God as our heavenly Father, our friend through thick and thin. He knew the horror and hatefulness of life as its worst—the hell men and women made for Mary Magdalene, the cross they had ready for himself; but he believed in God for all that, and was sure that God gives us a square deal in this world, the next and in all others there may be; God is all right, are his words. I cannot do without the evidence of Jesus Christ till I have myself exhausted this experience.

I go further. I find that he has been a vitalizing factor in the human heart and in human society; that no trouble has been caused by over-estimating him; but that troubles multiply when you cease to count on him as a force. I find, with others, that I can only really believe in God through Jesus Christ; I know him a great deal better than God in the abstract; and he gives me my only foothold where God and immortality are concerned, and where the question rises of God's care for me as an individual. If he goes, I have nothing to say about God, beyond a few hopes and inferences; while I have him I know I can count on God. And that is why I hold that Christ comes in.—"Daily News and Westminster Gazette."


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| "TYNDAREUS" | 23rd June | Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle |
| "PROTESILAUS" | 14th July | Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle |

NEW YORK SERVICE.

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| "HELENUS" | 29th June | New York & Boston |
| "DARDANUS" | 7th July | Boston, New York & Baltimore |

PASSENGER SERVICE.

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| "ANTENOR" | 13th June | Singapore, Marseilles & London |
| "HECTOR" | 11th July | Singapore, Marseilles & London |

OUTWARD SERVICE.

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| "RHEXENOR" | 10th June | Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama & Dairen |
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## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

### INWARD MAILS.

| From | | Per |
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| SATURDAY, JUNE 9. | | |
| Australia and Manila | | Changte |
| U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai | | Pres. Pierce |
| Calcutta and Straits | | Kumsang |
| Shanghai and Swatow | | Sinkiang |
| SUNDAY, JUNE 10. | | |
| Amoy | | Santhia |
| Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia | | Sado Maru |
| Straits | | Katori Maru |
| MONDAY, JUNE 11. | | |
| Manila | | Empress of Canada |
| FRIDAY, JUNE 15. | | |
| Japan and Shanghai | | Kitano Maru |
| TUESDAY, JUNE 19. | | |
| Japan | | Tango Maru |
| THURSDAY, JUNE 21. | | |
| Australia and Manila | | Aki Maru |
| MONDAY, JUNE 25. | | |
| Straits | | Atsuta Maru |

### OUTWARD MAILS.

| For | Per | |
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| FRIDAY, JUNE 8. | | |
| Saigon | Yuan Jeng | 8.30 p.m. |
| Fort Bayard | Sun Sai Kai | 4.30 p.m. |
| Sam Shui and Wuchow | Tai Ming | 4.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia | Khyber | 6 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th July. K.P.O. Parcels 8.30 p.m: Registration (June 9th) 9 a.m. Letters (June 9th) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (June 9th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (June 9th) 10.30 a.m. | Delta connecting with the s.s. Narkunda at Colombo. | |
| SATURDAY, JUNE 9. | | |
| *Straits and South Africa | Wakasa Maru | 8.30 a.m. |
| Hoihow | Borneo | 8.30 a.m. |
| Haiphong | Song Bo | 8.30 a.m. |
| Sandakan | Mausang | 8.30 a.m. |
| Amoy | Tjikarang | 10 a.m. |
| Bangkok | Kiungchow | 2.30 p.m. |
| Saigon | Telunachus | 3.30 p.m. |
| Sam Shui and Wuchow | Kochow | 4.30 p.m. |
| Manila | President Pierce | 4.30 p.m. |
| Amoy | Anhui | 5 p.m. |
| SUNDAY, JUNE 10. | | |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa | Kishu Maru | 9 a.m. |
| Bangkok via Swatow | Kaying | 9 a.m. |
| MONDAY, JUNE 11. | | |
| Shanghai and Japan | Katori Maru | 10.30 a.m. |
| Swatow | Hydrangea | 2.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 2nd July. Parcel 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 6 p.m. | President Madison | |
| Amoy | Sinkiang | 4.30 p.m. |

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## NEW ROBOT.

### Said To Be "All But Human."

### TO BE PUT ON MARKET.

### Can Deliver Goods to Customers And Repeat Phrases.

New York, Yesterday.

A new robot talking automaton, said to be so nearly human that it can deliver goods to customers in shops and even repeat phrases, is being manufactured by the Remington Arms' Company.

The new corporation will have a capital of $25,000,000 and will be formed by a combine of leading automatic purchasing companies, who will market the robot.—Reuter's American Service.

## INDIAN MARINES.

### REAR ADMIRAL APPOINTED FLAG OFFICER.

### INDIA'S NAVAL DEFENCE.

London, Yesterday.

The announcement that Rear-Admiral Humphrey Walwyn has been appointed Flag Officer commanding and Director of the Royal Indian Marine is the first step towards implementing the decision to reconstruct the Indian Marine as a combatant force. This is done with the view of India ultimately undertaking her own naval defence.—Reuter.

**H.M. Government's Intentions.**

Simla, Yesterday.

Owing to the Legislative Assembly negativing by one vote, the Indian Naval Discipline Bill, the Indian Government has decided, in consultation with His Majesty's Government, to proceed under the limited powers of the existing law to complete the reconstruction of the Indian Marine, which has been proceeding during the past two years.

The force will be called the Royal Indian Marine and will become a combatant force limited to Indian waters but at the disposal of His Majesty's Government in emergencies. One commissioned vacancy in three of both executive and engineer branches will be reserved for Indians and open to competitive examination. The change to combatant status will render enrolment compulsory instead of optional for the lower ranks.—Reuter.

## AGAINST ITALY.

### BERLIN ITALIAN EMBASSY ATTACKED.

### "DOWN WITH MUSSOLINI."

Berlin, Yesterday.

Seven youths drove up in a motor-car to the Italian Embassy and commenced stone throwing. Others rushed up and joined in, and several windows were broken, including those of the Ambassador's study, which the Ambassador had just entered.

After the attackers had gone, leaflets were found on the ground, inscribed "Down with Mussolini" and calling on the people to attend an amnesty demonstration at the Sporting Palace on June 8.

The Communist newspaper "Rotefahne" declares that the attack must be considered a protest against the sentences passed on the Italian Communist leaders.—Reuter.

## AFGHAN ARMY.

### TURKISH MILITARY MEN GOING TO KABUL.

### RE-ORGANISATION.

Constantinople, Yesterday.

A military mission headed by General Kiazim Pasha, Deputy Chief of the General Staff, and comprising four colonels, is shortly going to Kabul to re-organise the Afghan army.

Kiazim will become Chief of the General Staff and military adviser to King Amanullah, while the four colonels will supervise the different sections of the War Ministry. Eventually, Turkish officers will be sent to Afghanistan as instructors.—Reuter.

## THE FRANC.

### To Be Stabilised Shortly.

### POINCARE'S STATEMENT.

### No Definite Date Mentioned: "Trustful Co-Operation" Asked.

Paris, Yesterday.

In the Chamber, M. Poincare in a ministerial statement indicated that the stabilisation of the franc would come shortly but he did not reveal the date rate. He merely asked the Chamber for trustful collaboration towards financial restoration and social reforms.

**Further Details.**

The Governmental declaration summarises the important problems left undecided and declares that the conditions are of such a nature that financial rehabilitation may be continued in a serene atmosphere. Therefore, France has to keep together all factors indispensable to success and stabilisation. French frontiers cannot be left open but nobody can doubt the peaceful intentions of France.

Concerning Communism repression will be resorted to where necessary to protect law and order.—Havas.

## ATLANTIC FLIGHTS.

### TWO WOMEN PREPARING FOR THE ATTEMPT.

### LEVINE ALSO READY.

Curtisfield, Long Island, Yesterday.

Levine's aeroplane "Miss Columbia," with Miss Mabel Boll, known as "the Queen of Diamonds" from her profusion of jewels, on board and two British ex-Air Force officers, has left for Old Orchard.

From here they will attempt a Trans-Atlantic flight, which will thus be a race between two women. The news of Miss Boll's plans has caused the crew of the "Friendship" to speed up arrangements for their departure, notwithstanding adverse weather reports.

Mr. Levine is going to Old Orchard in another plane to supervise the departure of "Miss Columbia." Possibly he also will fly in her.

**Unable to Find the Way.**

New York, Yesterday.

"Miss Columbia" has returned to Curtisfield after six hours' flight. The occupants said they were "unable to find the way to Old Orchard owing to fog."—Reuter's American Service.

## JAPAN'S STRIKE.

### MEDIATORS MEETING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

### CONCILIATORY ASPECT.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The mediators in the Seamen's strike are meeting now behind closed doors. The atmosphere is conciliatory and it is believed that after sessions lasting a few days an agreement may be reached. It is, however, uncertain whether the Union will accept the decision of the mediators.

Meanwhile increased tonnage is being held up as more ships join the strike as they enter port. The latest reports show that the strike is holding up 256 ships.

However the public does not entertain any great anxiety, and is confident that a settlement will be reached soon.—Reuter.

## JAPAN'S BONDS.

### TOKYO ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCK OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

### ISSUED AT 90.

London, Yesterday.

The issue in London to-day of the Tokyo Electric Light 6 per cent. first mortgage bonds, of £4,500,000 at a price of 90, repayable at par in 1953, was immediately considerably over-subscribed.—Reuter.

**The American Portion.**

New York, Yesterday.

The American portion of the Tokyo Electric Light issue has been over-subscribed.—Reuter's American Service.

## UNLUCKY CITY.

### One More 'Quake at Corinth.

### FELT AT ATHENS.

### Damaged Houses Collapse: Populace Panic-Stricken.

Athens, Yesterday.

A number of houses damaged in the April earthquakes at Corinth have collapsed as the result of a severe new shock.

The inhabitants were panic-stricken and believe that clouds of smoke are hanging over the town due to the volcanic eruption.

The shock was also felt at Athens.—Reuter.

## RUBBER SCHEME.

### DETAILS OF DUTCH VALORISATION SCHEME.

### RUBBER PAVING.

London, Yesterday.

According to details of the Dutch Valorisation Scheme published in the "Financial Times, the organisation would finance surplus rubber at a low price, and dispose of the same in such a way as to stimulate consumption.

The main outlet in view is rubber paving, which is deemed to have reached a practical stage.

It is proposed to establish a bank on a co-operative basis with capital of £1,250,000 of which three quarters will be earmarked for subscription by the producers. The balance will be raised by public subscription, and the bank will take over surplus production when the price is below one shilling, and release the accumulated surplus when the market rises beyond 2/-.

To enable the bank to regulate the distribution, uniform legislation will be necessary in Great Britain and in the Netherlands, compelling the producers, both European and native, to deliver to the bank a percentage of production.

The producers in exchange for deliveries receive bonds bearing no interest but entitling the holders to 5 per cent. of the bank's surplus profits, while on the other hand the bank undertakes to supply 75 per cent. of the rubber stock, for the purpose of making and paving roads, to the British and Netherlands Governments at a shilling a lb.

**"Strictly Confidential."**

London, Later.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frank Nelson with regard to the scheme, Mr. Margesson, for Mr. Amery, said the scheme was submitted to Mr. Amery with the request that he treat it as strictly confidential. Consequently, it was impossible to give any information.—Reuter.

## ADVERTISING.

### NEWSPAPERS THE BEST MEDIA.

### VALUE TO HOTELS.

Newspapers and magazines are the best media for advertising hotels, declared Major Isidore Salmon, Conservative M.P. for Harrow, addressing the first annual conference of the Hotels and Restaurants Association on May 5 at the Savoy Hotel, Strand.

Major Salmon, who is managing director of Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Ltd., declared that the advantages of such publications were obvious. He said:

The poster has its definite uses, which I would be the last to minimise. But a poster must *remain in one position* while a newspaper or a magazine circulates, is portable, is carried to, and read in, many places by the person the advertiser desires to interest.

The grades in newspaper character and social status are so many and varied that hotel and restaurant advertisers can fit in exactly with the clientele they desire to reach and attract. Newspaper advertising for hotels and restaurants stands out alone, since it permits of immediate appeals and instant results.

The Earl of Bessborough, who presided, said he understood that £200,000,000 was spent by American tourists in Europe every year.

ROMANCE & THRILLS!

A VIVID drama of the sea in the days of the convict ships depicting storm, shipwreck and mutiny with amazing realism!—

With LARS HANSON, PAULINE STARKE MARCELINE DAY & ERNEST TORRENCE.

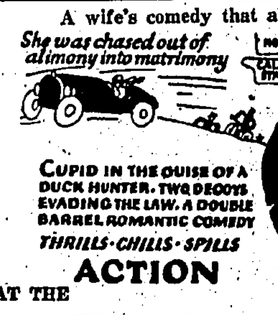
AT THE QUEEN'S TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW, At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

A Comedy Riot Built Around the Army of Occupation!

starring LYA DE PUTTI and MALCOLM McGREGOR
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
BUCK PRIVATES

AT THE WORLD TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW
Orchestra 5.15 & 9.20.
Interpreter 2.30 & 7.15.

A wife's comedy that almost became a tragedy!




PRISCILLA DEAN in "FORBIDDEN WATERS"

CUPID IN THE GUISE OF A DUCK HUNTER. TWO DECOYS EVADING THE LAW. A DOUBLE BARREL ROMANTIC COMEDY
THRILLS · CHILLS · SPILLS
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AT THE STAR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW
Continuous 2.30 to 11.15.

## STREET DANGERS.

### ACCIDENTS OF THE PAST 24 HOURS.

According to reports received by the Police, several accidents occurred overnight yesterday. About half of the total were traffic accidents.

Below are given the brief facts:—

Cheung Fu (25) a fitter employed at the Taikoo Dockyard, met with a fatal accident. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died at 6.35 p.m.

A Chinese woman suffering from injuries sustained, as a result of being knocked down by tram car No. 85.

**Admitted to G.C.H.**

Lam Sun-kung, a Chinese was sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a fractured spine and fracture of both legs, as a result of a fall in jumping from a verandah to the first floor. He is in a critical condition.

Lui Yee (43) residing at Chung Lee, a shop in Belcher-street, met his death after admission to the G.C.H., when knocked down by motor car No. 180 in Des Voeux road, West, near the Tai Ping Theatre yesterday.

After accidently falling down the door steps of No. 14 Yu On Terrace, a Chinese was sent to the G. C. Hospital, suffering from a fracture to the base of the skull.

Lau Choi (73) Chinese widow, was knocked down by public car No. 174 in Wanchai yesterday, and was also sent to the G. C. Hospital.

The police have been notified of the theft of a bicycle from a cycle shop at No. 651 Shanghai-street. It appears that at 6 p.m. on Monday, a Chinese youth who gave his name as Lam Chai, hired a cycle, and has since disappeared.

The Dowager Lady Noble, who celebrated her 100th birthday recently, was a mourner at the funeral in Newcastle of Mrs. Boot, wife of Canon Boot.

Professor Nicholas Murray Butler has been elected president of the Pilgrims Society of America in succession to the late Mr. Chauncey Depew.

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